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AFITA Journalism Award To Linn's

"AFITA", the First International Philatelic Literature Exhibition jury which opened in Buenos Aires, Argentina last August in conjunction with the "TEMEK" exhibition has announced the winners in its various sections and classes dealing with the journalism of philately. A jury of experts, headed by Dr. Ricardo Elicabe, required more than four months to read and judge the 2000 items submitted by authors, editors and publishers in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Of interest to Linn's readers is the announcement that a top medal in the class for philatelic newspapers was gained by Linn's Weekly Stamp News, along with a document certifying the award of the "Diploma de Medalla de Vermeil".

The competition was stampdom's first in the world philatelic literature. It was devoted exclusively to the display and appraisal of journals, magazines, books, newspapers, stamp news columns, catalogs and albums. Entries were world-wide in scope, and competition was keen and close.

Affording further pleasure to Linn's readers and publishers was the "AFITA" jury's naming of Ernest A. Kehr, stamp news editor of the New York Herald Tribune, as the foremost philatelic writer of this generation. A second honor was accorded him, a gold trophy for his "outstanding efforts and works to promote stamp collecting throughout the world."

Mr. Kehr's name is well known to Linn's readers. He has contributed many articles of interest and importance during the past several years of his association with the publication, and has also served as guest editor of five special editions published during the past fourteen months.

Beginning with that for The Netherlands (December 9, 1957) and continuing through others for Egypt, Switzerland, Finland, and Luxembourg, his vast knowledge and his wide contacts abroad have enabled Linn's to offer to its reader much information of interest and value in the philately of the countries concerned.

This policy of presenting intimate and authoritative accounts of foreign philatelic activities will be continued in future issues of "The World's Largest and Most Informative Publication For Stamp Collectors".



LADDIE S. PATA, EXHIBITION DIRECTOR of the recent first annual exhibition of the Bedford, Ohio Stamp Club, holds Harry Kern's "Most Original Idea" Trophy and the Best Topical one taken by Matilda Adams at the event. Continuing from the left, Kathryn Rybak holds the Service Award; Julius Austein, Grand Award; Henry Schuenemann, Best Foreign; and Lee Olson, Best U. S. The club meets on second and fourth Tuesdays at St. Mary's Church, Rt. 8 and Union St., Bedford, Ohio.

Mystery Clarified Behind The Ecuador "50 CTS 50" Airmail Overprinted Adhesive Of 1928

Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo

The most expensive and hard to get stamp of Ecuador is an overprinted provisional stamp on the S.C.A.D.T.A. (Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aereos) 1928 stamps of Colombia. It was prepared to be used in Ecuador, to pay the airmail transportation to Colombia and abroad. The history of the stamp overprinted "50 CTS 50" is based on a case of trial and error and of a lucky break, due to the mistake of an employee of the company!

The story goes like this: At the beginning of 1928 the Colombo-German Airline known as SCADTA meaning "Colombo-German Society of Air Transportation", decided to include Ecuador, a small country with a very bright air future, into their sphere of operations.

Dr. Peter Paul von Bauer, then the general manager of the company gave the general agency of SCADTA in Ecuador to Gustavo L. Chanange. He, on behalf of the company, subscribed a contract with the government of Ecuador by which the company would operate in Ecuador their own postal system based on the German postal system and with German technicians, using their own stamps which became Official Ecuadorian Postal Issues

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The first Ecuadorian airmail (Continued on page 21)

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Canada's "Aeroplane of the Year" in 1959 will not be a screaming jet or even a space ship, but a fragile craft mounted on bicycle wheels—McCurdy's "Silver Dart". Squadrons of airmen, travellers, aircraft and postal workers will join Canadians everywhere in celebrating the golden jubilee year of the country's first aeroplane flight near Baddeck, N. S. when J.A.D. McCurdy piloted the "Silver Dart" one half mile over Bras d'Or Lake.

Postmaster General William Hamilton has announced that the Post Office Department will mark the occasion by issuing a special 5c stamp February 23, exactly 50 years after the memorable event which in addition to being the first powered flight of a heavier-than-air machine in Canada, was also the first such flight in the British Empire.



The blue and black commemorative stamp will depict three Delta wing aircraft in silhouette with the "Silver Dart" in a darker shade in the foreground. It was designed by artists of the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd., who will produce it. Printing will be 50 per pane in an edition of 30 million.

While the three modern jets depicted are widely considered as representing Canada's newest "Arrow" fighter in completion of the "Silver Dart" to "Arrow" half century span of air progress being noted, the Post Office Department insists that any such resemblance is purely coincidental. All Delta wing craft look more or less alike stated a spokesman in the Hamilton, Ont. "Spectator" of December 24, and there was no intention to depict the "Arrow" specifically. It is still a super-secret item on the nation's defense list.

The historic flight was the culmination of several years activity of the Aerial Experiment Assn., formed at Baddeck by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell of telephone fame. After experimenting with kites for more than ten years he decided to form a group to achieve in Canada the dream of the ancients of actually flying through space.

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ly. Two were young, enthusiastic engineering graduates of Toronto University, his secretary's son, John McCurdy and a friend, F. W. Baldwin. Glenn Curtiss, an authority on gasoline engines and Thomas Selfridge of the United States Army also were invited to pool their talents with the elderly inventor.

The Association continued experiments at Baddeck for a while, then operations were moved to the Curtiss machine shop in Hammondsport, N.Y. where four powered aircraft were built. All members contributed ideas and work to the four planes, but each was credited with the main design of a machine. Thus, the second plane the "White Wing" was credited to Baldwin and the "Silver Dart" to McCurdy who was the first to fly it.

Of the four machines built by the pioneer group, the first was the "Red Wing" which was designed by Lt. Thomas Selfridge and first flown by F. W. "Casey" Baldwin from the ice of Lake Kueka, Hammondsport, N. Y., March 12, 1908.

The second was the "White Wing", the design of which was supervised by Baldwin. It flew successfully, with Glenn H. Curtiss piloting it 1700 feet in 19 seconds on May 22, 1908.

Then came the third, the "June Bug". Curtiss was its head designer, and in it, on July 4, 1908, he made the first pre-announced public flight in America. It was also the first flight for record in this hemisphere, with the "Scientific American" trophy for the first one kilometer flight at stake. Curtiss flew a mile—60% over the needed distance—at about 39 miles per hour to take the honor.

On November 5 the group substituted two boat-like floats for the "June Bug" landing wheels and converted the craft into a hydro-aeroplane which the experimenters renamed the "Loon". With McCurdy at the wheel—it was a wheel and not a joystick control—many unsuccessful attempts were made to get into the air. Unhappily, the power was not sufficient to produce flying speed.

Already the fourth craft, almost identical with the "June Bug", was being built under the supervision of McCurdy. This was the "Silver Dart", which McCurdy first flew successfully on December 12, 1908.

Shortly thereafter it was shipped to Dr. Bell's place at Baddeck where McCurdy and Baldwin used it (Continued on page 20)

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Australian Flower Set Begins April 8

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The new 3 1/2 regular stamp portraying Queen Elizabeth II is due for March 18 release. Postmaster General Davidson has stated it will be green, and will be sold along with current stocks of the same value until the latter are exhausted.

Possibly in April, a stamp will be issued to mark the 150th anniversary of the Australian Post Office system, while a commem for the Red Cross organization is promised for some future time. Maj. Dettman has offered to continue his past cooperation of supplying first day covers to collectors against advance deposits of \$1 in currency.

Minnesota P. O. Has To Take Down Sign

Alaska's January 3 entry into the Union snatched away forever the proudest possession of the little resort town of Penasse, Minn., according to a recent item in the St. Paul "Pioneer Press".



Penasse, an island resort on Lake of the Woods, in the extreme northern tip of the Northwest Angle, was the home of the nation's northernmost post office. With Alaska now officially in the United States, the chilly honor goes to proudest possession of the little re-point Barrow, above the Arctic circle.

The post office at Penasse is run by Mr. and Mrs. Harley Jensen, who operate a resort during the summer. "They took a real satisfaction in operating the most northerly post office," said Marv Kellogg, editor of the Warren, Minn. "Pioneer". "I don't know how they feel about losing that distinction. I haven't heard from them since the freeze-up."

The Jensens are almost totally isolated in the winter, in touch with civilization only by radio-telephone through Kenora, Ont. Penasse is a few hundred yards from the Canadian border.

Six New Low Values Expected From Greece

Six new low value adhesives, ranging from 10 lepta to 1 1/2 Drachma, are expected to be released by Greece during the first two weeks of January, according to P. J. Drosos, 1 St. Denys Pl., Athens.

Each item will be of an individual design, duplicating some of the 1954 "Arts" set stamps such as Pericles, ox head, Zeus, chariot, head of youth, and pitcher bearers.

A new set in the definitive series is planned for release later in the year. It is reported that the various denominations will depict a series of ancient Greek coins.

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Official cachets will be furnished for New York, N. Y.; Airport Mail Facility, Idlewild, N. Y.; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Airport Mail Facility, Los Angeles, Calif. Collectors may send stamped (airmail rate) addressed envelopes to the respective postmasters and superintendents with requests that they be held for servicing on these flights.

Each cover should contain a suitable stuffer and have the flap either turned in or sealed. Further, each cover should be clearly marked to indicate that service on this occasion is desired.

The Department also announced that service was to be inaugurated on or about January 11 over an extension of AM-1 from Chicago, Ill. via Columbus and Dayton, Ohio and Washington, D. C. to Baltimore, Md. Cachets were provided at the eight post offices and Airport Mail Facilities involved.

Israel Rewards Best Bible Stamp Designs

Jacques Minkus, head of the Israel Philatelic Agency, New York, has announced that the winners in the Biblical (Old Testament) postage stamp design international competition have been selected.

The first prize of \$1000 was awarded to Roberto Raul Seijo of Argentina. The \$500 second prize went to Sewrin Jasinski of Poland. The excellence of the designs submitted made it necessary to declare a tie for third place between Leonard C. Mitchell of New Zealand and Wolf D. Zimmerman of the Federal Republic of West Germany. Each will receive one half of the \$250 third prize money.

The committee, consisting of the Ministers of Posts, Foreign Affairs, Education, and Communications, convened in Jerusalem December 15 to judge the 309 entries received. They represented over 1200 sketches from 24 countries. The winning designs will be the basis for set of stamps which will be issued by Israel at a date to be announced later.

New York AFDCS To Show At Interpex

The Metropolitan Chapters of the First Day Cover Society will join forces by staging in New York City an exhibition, combined with a regional meeting, according to Bernard Ring, president of the American First Day Cover Society.

The occasion will be the first day issue of the 3c Lincoln stamp at Cooper Union on February 27 and INTERPEX at the Park Sheraton in New York City February 27 — March 1, where the show will be held. Most of the emphasis will be placed on the "Future Philatelists". This exhibit of the popular first day covers and cancellations will tell the general public the story behind this most interesting phase of stamp collecting and the unlimited possibilities which it offers.

Participation is open to all collectors, both members and non-members. Further details can be obtained from the secretary, Joe Martinez, 1140 St. Johns Pl., Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

Watermark Correction On Nigeria Postage Dues

The Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C. has issued a correction on the original news release concerning the new 1, 2, 3, and 6d and 1/- Nigerian postage dues reported in the January 5 Linn's.

The new adhesives are printed on C. A. Script wmk paper and not on the block capitals variety as announced in the earlier official release, the Representative has announced. Interested collectors will please make the proper corrections on their records.

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The original airmail was produced on a slightly yellowish tinged paper. The last printing came on a white paper which was noticeably thinner and more transparent. Possibly because of the difference in the shade of the paper the color of the latter is a bit lighter red than the former.

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New Zealand B24-25	.10
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Same, Souv. Sheets	.10
Nicaragua Souv. Sheet	.10
Persia 1952-53	.10
Persia 1973	.10
Philippines 528-9	.10
Same, Imperf.	.10
Philippines 608-9	.10
Philippines 637, 637a	.10
Romania B26-30	.10
Romania B44-49	.10
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Romania B63-65	.10
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Romania B127-34	.10
Romania, 1959	.10
Syria UAR (2v)	.10

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4.25	284	.08	408-09	.12
2.25	285-87	.47	410-12	.20
2.25	288	.20	413	.12
2.25	290	.09	414	.12
.75	291	.45	415	.07
.35	291A	.80	416	.07
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1.25	295	.26	418	.08
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.85	322-38	8.95	B3-4	.40
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.75	342-44	.40	C13-15	.50
.88	345-60	10.95	B16	.09
1.20	365	.09	C3-4	14.50
1.35	367-68	.37	C30-37	.56
1.35	369	.37	C38	.25
.78	373-74	.37	C39-50	.25
10.50	375-77	.43	C51-52	.30
.65	378-79	.46	C53-64	8.50
.10	380-3	.43	C65-66	.12
1.15	384-85	.37	C70	.08
.10	386	.15	C71	.08
.10	387	.23	C73	.15
.35	388	.12	C75	.28

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A Committee To Clean Up Stamp Thefts

When in New York at the ASDA show last November, Mr. Larry Edmunds, President of the Society of Philatelic Americans, whom I have known for perhaps the last thirty years or more came to our booth and brought with him Mr. Charles Cratsenberg, President of the American Philatelic Society.



GEORGE W. LINN

Introductions were made and this was my first meeting with Mr. Cratsenberg. We chatted for about a half hour and agreed on some future plan for contact and cooperative effort. Frankly I was quite pleased with what Mr. Cratsenberg had to say. Only the future will allow me to determine whether what he said will be backed up by action or whether it was merely window dressing. I am willing to stand on my past record concerning stamp thefts and how to handle them. Unless the A.P.S. is willing and ready to take drastic action in such matters I will have no truck with them.

As an aftermath of our conversation, Mr. Cratsenberg has written me the following letter which I am pleased to publish in full.

"Dear Mr. Linn:

"At our Atlantic City convention a resolution was offered by Mr. E. P. Radford of St. Petersburg, Florida, and was unanimously adopted. This resolution was printed in our December American Philatelist and appears on page 199 and reads: 'I therefore move that it is the desire of this convention that the officers and directors of the American Philatelic Society use every means at their disposal, including cooperation with other national societies or associations, insurance investigative sources, police and any other available group or individuals, to set up a comprehensive preventive program designed to discourage and deter stamp thefts, and that a committee of recognized and established ability and integrity be appointed for this purpose'. I personally feel that this resolution is long past due and I give it my complete endorsement. During my term of office the establishment of such a committee will be carried out to the best of my ability.

"I have given considerable thought as to the makeup and duties of such a committee and after correspondence with officers and philatelists I feel that the best means of giving this committee a proper foundation and beginning would be first to appoint a committee of recommendation. I believe that such a committee should be composed of a very prominent philatelist, a nationally known stamp dealer and a nationally known philatelic writer. I sincerely believe that the proper makeup of this committee should be Mr. Henry M. Spelman, III, Mr. George W. Linn and Mr. Herman Herst, Jr. with Mr. Spelman acting as chairman of this committee and coordinator of the thoughts of the committee. Should Mr. Spelman desire additional help I am requesting that he call on anyone for any assistance that he may choose. You have always stood for the control of stamp thefts, have been an active leader to clean up all shoddy and dishonest phases of the hobby. I feel that your position on this committee will be most valuable and I am expecting excellent workable recommendations will be forthcoming in the near future.

"The duties of this committee will be:

"1. To investigate and recommend ways and means in which the Society can best serve its members and chapters in the avoidance of stamp thefts.

"2. A recommendation as to the proper personnel of the permanent committee.

"3. Evaluate the makeup of the committee as to whether it should be composed of one, two or more members and if more than one member, would they reside in the same city or within close driving range of each other.

"I have written to Mr. Larry Edmunds, President of S. P. A. and in his reply he states: '... I think it is a splendid idea for the Societies to have a joint committee. I am in favor of it...' With Mr. Edmunds' expressed desire to work with the A. P. S. in this matter, perhaps a joint committee of one man representing the A. P. S., one man the S. P. A. and a third man either a dealer or non-member of either Society, or else in some other category, could be appointed.

"In my thoughts to date on this subject I personally favor the one man per Society idea in that the time might arrive where we would want to move fast and not be encumbered by a conference of two or more men where a theft falls within either the A. P. S. or the S. P. A. I am merely giving my personal views at this time as you will no doubt be requesting not only my opinions but also those of the Board of Directors.

"I believe that if careful thought is given to this subject it might be the beginning of a powerful organization against theft from our chapters and members. I am dispatching a General Letter to all A. P. S. officers and directors informing them of my plans to date and the appointment of this committee, and no doubt in reply to the letter they will have some very practical ideas on the subject. As such ideas are received they will be immediately transmitted to this committee. Obviously the services of this committee will terminate with the formation of the permanent committee.

"Very cordially yours,
(signed) "C. C. Cratsenberg"

I am accepting this appointment to the committee which is expected to arrange for, and recommend, a permanent committee. I shall be glad to use my best efforts if and only if the A.P.S. is ready and willing to get hard-boiled and let the chips fall where they may. I have a great love and respect for the hobby of stamp collecting. I see no need whatever for the production of spurious postage stamps to supply dealers with stamps to sell. There are and there has been an ample number of genuine and legitimate postage stamps issued by legitimate governments of the world to supply all stamp dealers with ample stock in trade, without resorting to spurious issues.

Even the American Stamp Dealers Assn. has winked at such rather than discipline its members who have been instrumental in putting such things in the market and even violating United States Laws in the importation of Communist Chinese stamps.

I have no use for anyone who practices such things and the only way that these practices can be stopped is to crack down on the perpetrators and make it plain that the Stamp Dealers of America do not approve of such business. It should be the duty of the American Stamp Dealers Assn. to police the stamp trade. They above all others should strive to keep the hobby clean for it is to their best interests that they sell to collectors only legitimate postage stamps. Doubtless hundreds of collectors have given up the hobby in disgust simply because of such practices on the part of stamp dealers. Unless the ASDA cleans up its own back yard, then there would seem to be a need for an organization that would accept only those who believe in clean business.

In the matter of stamp thefts I will expect any committee that I might have anything to do with to be a clean committee; to use every effort at its disposal to block the theft of and the eventual sale of stolen stamps.

There may be other ways of doing this than the way I would propose.
(Continued on page 27)

Dr. Simon's Confederate At West Essex Meeting

Dr. Ludwig L. Simon, Confederate specialist of East Orange, N. J., will exhibit his Confederate patriotic and campaign covers at the January 26 meeting of the West Essex Philatelic Society, Inc., Montclair, N. J.

The meeting will be held at the YMCA, 25 Park St., Montclair, where the group meets regularly on second and fourth Mondays. Anyone interested in stamps is welcome at any meeting, according to Fred Klingenstein, program committee chairman.

1959 STAMP PROGRAM

Feb. 12—Lincoln 1c commem., Hodgenville, Ky. (50 per pane).
Feb. 14—Oregon Statehood 4c, Astoria, Ore. (59 per pane, 120 million).

Feb. 25—San Martin "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. (4c, 70 per pane, 120 million; 8c, 72 per pane, 40 million).

Feb. 27—Lincoln 3c, New York, N.Y. (50 per pane).
Mar. 16—Hermitage 4½c regular, Hermitage, Tenn. (100 per pane).

April 6—Polar Exploration 4c.
April 19—World Peace Through World Trade 4c, Washington, D.C.

May 30—Lincoln 4c commem., Washington, D. C. (50 per pane).
May or June—St. Lawrence Seaway 4c.

June 6—Benjamin Harrison 12c regular, Oxford, Ohio.

June 17—Bunker Hill 2½c regular, Boston, Mass.

Aug. 17—Airmail Balloon 100th Year 7c, Lafayette, Ind.

Aug. 26—Soll Conservation 4c, Rapid City, S. D. (50 per pane, 120 million).

Aug. 27—Petroleum Industry 4c, Titusville, Pa.

Aug. 27—Third Pan American Games 10c, Airmail, Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 14—Dental Health 4c, New York, N. Y.

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

ALREADY ISSUED

C53—Alaska Statehood Airmail 7c, Juneau, January 3.

UNITED NATIONS

Feb. 9—5c and 7c Airmails.
March 30—4c and 8c General Assembly Bldg.

CANADA

Feb. 23—McCurdy Flight Anniversary.

Apr. 4—NATO 10th Anniversary.

May—Associated Country Women of World.

June—Opening St. Lawrence Seaway.

June—Joint Canada-U. S. Seaway issue.

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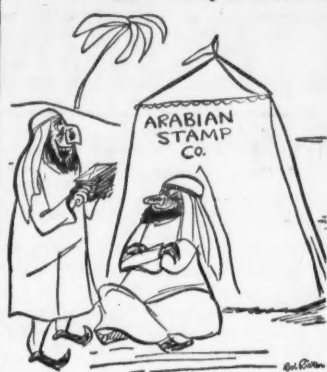
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The Junior Topicalists club sponsored by the adult group has named William Slomanson president, with C. Robert Cowan and Dave Lear as vice president and secretary, respectively. Mrs. Watt and Mr. Jones are advisors of the younger organization which meets on first and third Monday evenings at the Watt home, 214 Union St., Johnstown. The seniors meet on second and fourth Mondays at the DAV Home, 319 Walnut St.

The time and place for "POWEX '59", sponsored by leading clubs in the Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio area, have been set May 9-10 at the Masonic Temple, Valley Pike, Johnstown. Competition will be open to all collectors, members or not of the POWER clubs. Inquiries concerning the affair should be sent to Homer L. Jones, R. 252 Derby St., Johnstown, Pa.

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CARL P. RUETH

In recent weeks it has been possible to write about, and picture, some notable freaks and varieties in this column. Of course, that kind of thing always causes readers to scan their material that much closer with the result that some of them are certain they have similar things of interest. Now and again they do.

Generally, few miscues are publicized here, let alone pictured, just to keep down this "fluttering of expectancy in philatelic hearts". From the beginnings of the hobby the misfit, the malformed and the extraordinary in the way of stamps and stationery, have been given the "glamor" treatment. I can't argue with that at all since it is a seemingly natural thing to do, and I am sure in a "backdoor like way" caused some persons to take up the paper chase.

The glamor in approximately 85 per cent of the instances comes from the value claimed for such material in dollars rather than the unusualness of the extraordinary condition. The dollar sign is what ups philatelic blood pressures. As in many other facets of life, financial worth means pedigree. Whether right or wrong, that is how it is.

Often I am asked how much a described freak item is worth. Even though it is sent for inspection, it is well nigh impossible to quote a figure since the value depends on how much any one person will pay at any given time. Worth is decided in that way. I do not give quotations for the simple reason that it would be presumptuous to do so based on a lack of knowledge and information which exists nowhere.

It is hoped in the first or second editions of February to picture a number of the outstanding freaks from the collection of Bernard Silberberg of Newton Centre, Mass. I first saw it as a judge in the SOJEX Show at Atlantic City in connection with the APS convention last fall. Mr. Silberberg has what in my opinion are some gems. I feel certain all of you will get information and pleasure from seeing some of his "treasures".

1. What famous fort, seen in a stamp design, was located where Chicago now stands? Name the stamp, also.
 2. The oldest current military establishment in the United States was honored with a commem. Name the organization and the stamp.

Jed Kuntz of Burlington, Iowa has noted a "dead" period of two months between June 17 and August 17 when no new stamps will be released by the POD. Perhaps Mr. Kuntz, like Mother Nature, abhors a vacuum, a philatelic vacuum in this instance. However, he has ideas!

He would like to see released the first United States flag in full colors; the newest with the 49 stars in full colors; and a souvenir sheet which would have the two mentioned plus the recent 48-star flag stamp.

Worse ideas have been born. I hope all or part of this is considered by the POD since I believe we should continue to have a U. S. Flag stamp current all the time.

Official Post Office Department bulletins indicate there will be 18 stamps coming our way this year. Fifteen are commems and three additions to the Liberty Series for regular postage. The first commem was the Alaska Statehood and the last announced is the Dental Health of September 14. Chances are we will have a few more to fill in the open spots in summer, and after September.

The regulars are needed values—2½c, 4½c and 12c. Fortunately two of them will picture historical shrines, while the third, the 12c, will perpetuate the boring portraits to which we have been subjected ad nauseam.

Of the commems most could be classed as in the Necessary category, ones, that is which have national importance. The very doubtful ones are—4c Arctic Exploration; 8c World Peace Through World Trade; 7c Balloon Jupiter airmail;

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11TH ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY

BEST DESIGN. Mark your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.
 LEAST NECESSARY. Mark stamp with least cause to be issued.
 WORST DESIGN. Mark the one design you believe is worst.
 BELOW AVERAGE DESIGNS. Some of the designs are average and better according to artistic standards of picture, color and engraving.
 Mark only those which you believe are less than average in looks, either under POOR or BAD, depending how the artwork hits you.

	BEST DESIGN			LEAST NECESSARY (Choose one)	WORST DESIGN (Choose one)	DESIGNS BELOW AVERAGE IN LOOKS Use Your Judgment	
	1st	2nd	3rd			POOR	BAD
GARDENING							
BRUSSELS FAIR							
MONROE							
MINNESOTA							
IGY							
GUNSTON HALL							
MACKINAC BRIDGE							
BOLIVAR 4c							
BOLIVAR 8c							
ATLANTIC CABLE							
LINCOLN-DOUGLAS							
KOSSUTH 4c							
KOSSUTH 8c							
JOURNALISM							
OVERLAND MAIL							
WEBSTER							
FOREST CONSER.							
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Mail to Carl P. Rueth, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio

4c Petroleum Industry; 4c Dental Health.

Instead of improving, the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee exercises less restraint all the time. Their choice of designs and colors is just about at the stage we had some years ago when the wife of a postal official, "who just loved pastels", selected the colors for United States commemoratives. In other words, they just don't have it—they are not measuring up to what the realm of philately expected.

A couple of months ago many were excited because the design of the 3c Liberty postal card had a couple of miscues which got a lot of attention in the daily newspapers. This is another instance where, uninformed as usual, they went overboard in quoting values. It was featured that several "lucky" owners of the material expected to send their kids to college from the future sale of the "errors".

I refer specifically to the missing "I" in "In God We Trust", and the messed up "LI" of LIBERTY.

In the first place there were many examples of both, and in the second, very few people collect postal stationery, errors or no. Material is only worth what someone will give for it—and in this instance the supplies are relatively large and the market quite small.

In connection with the 11th Annual Design Derby, and you can use the ballot on this page, or prepare a reasonable facsimile to send in. Some voters have asked why I eliminated the category of "Best Design Not Considering Color". They state that some designs are good but in inappropriate or poor colors and that they would have been better in some other.

This has never been a good argument—the category was added for the past couple of years just because some folks asked for it. The issued stamp is an accomplished fact. That's the way it was conceived and manufactured and that is the way it will go down to posterity. We must form our opinions on what exists.

It is just as easy to argue that some famous painting would have been more appealing with the use of other colors here and there, or a beautiful new building should have been constructed slightly different. But there they are, and there is no point in trying to dream up something out of never-never land.

Clubs, as in years past, will be supplied with printed ballots if they will send in a stamped, addressed envelope with their request for a specific quantity.

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American-Born Artist Designs Iceland Seals

Fred Arndt

A rather limited edition of seals offered for sale during the Christmas Season is that sponsored by "Frantidin" (the Future). This is an organization made of civic-minded ladies of the city of Akureyri, Iceland who through the seals are trying to raise funds for the care of aged folks of the surrounding area. They hope in another few years to have sufficient funds on hand to begin the construction of the home.

The 1958 edition consists of a pane of eight seals all of the same design. A total of 2500 panes were produced adding up to 20,000 seals. Production was in the hands of the Akureyri firm of Prentverki Odds Bjornssonar h.f.

In the design is a picture of the Cathedral of Holar in the Hjalta Valley. This is the second "church" one the first having appeared in 1957 showing the church in Akureyri. It is presumed that following years will also depict houses of worship in Iceland especially those located in the "Northland". Colors of the current edition are green, red and blue.

Artwork of the 1958 was conceived by Mrs. Alice Julia Soll Sigurdsson, a former Californian, living in Iceland at Akureyri since 1945. Each seal, from 1952 on, is her work.

The first of these came in 1937. Others came in 1938, 1939, 1942, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1951 and each year after. Quantities are known for more recent issues these amounting to — 1951 - 12,000; 1952 - 6,000; 1953 - 5,000; 1954 - 5,400; 1955 - 9,000; 1956 - 12,800; 1957 - 19,910.

(Editors Note: Mr. Arndt was asked by his Icelandic friends to help with the sale of the 1958 seals. He will mail a pane of eight, post-paid, for 45c, which is face value, 35c for the seals, 10c postage. Send requests to him at 44 Klosterengen, Roskilde, Denmark.)

Singles For Human Rights, Leper Help

Brazil is to be counted among the nations which commemorated the tenth anniversary of Human Rights Day with the release of a stamp. It appeared on December 26, a little over two weeks beyond the actual anniversary of the Declaration.



The insignia of the United Nations and the word "PAZ" (Peace) make up the design. An inscription at the bottom indicates the purpose of the stamp. Printing is in ultramarine; the denomination is 2.50Cr.



A series of postal tax stamps begun in 1952 was continued with another for 1958 released in December. These have all been in a value of 10c and since, and including, 1954 have been in a small size with a portrait of Padre Bento Dias Pacheco. The current issue is in green.

The 1954 was violet blue; 1955 in rose lilac; no stamp in 1956; 1957 in orange red.

Funds raised via this means are used to care for and provide medical attention to persons afflicted with leprosy. According to Manoel F. da Motta, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Human Rights commem and the Leper Assistance stamp both had brisk sales.

Israel-Palestine Meet In Chicago January 22

The Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America will hold its next meeting January 22 at the Palmer House in Chicago, Ill. at 7:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Louis Saffer, of Chicago. He will talk on "Palestine Forerunners" and display items from his extensive collection. Further information concerning the society or Israel-Palestine philately may be obtained from the secretary, Miss Del DesMarais, 427 Belden Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

Minkus World-Wide In Second Edition

The newly released 1959 edition of the Minkus World - Wide Postage Stamp Catalog has Volumes I and II combined into one book and Volume III in the second. Areas covered are the United States and possessions, United Nations, British Commonwealth, and the independent nations of Asia and Africa in the first, and Europe and colonies and "rest of world" in the second. The price is \$7.95 per unit.

Of almost identical size, they contain 1166 and 1137 pages, respectively and offer all that can be expected of a stamp catalog, plus considerable more related and detailed information that might well entitle them to be called a "two - volume stamp encyclopedia". Stamps are illustrated and priced at current market figures; where necessary for clarity enlarged sections are shown to clarify small details, and essential differences are pointedly emphasized to enable the user to identify various types.

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All new issues which appeared after the release of the 1958 edition are included, down to press time, and more than 40,000 price changes have been made in the 1959 offering. Many countries have been completely revised. Editor George Tlamsa and his staff, working under the supervision of Jacques Minkus, have registered an outstanding accomplishment in this new two-volume listing of the world's postals paper. It is available from most dealers or from Minkus Publications, Inc., 115 W. 30th St., New York 1, N. Y.

New York AFDCS To See Maienthan's Coronations

At the December 1 meeting of the New York Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society, the following were elected for the year 1959: Henry Maienthan, president; Louis Weissens, vice president; Joe Martinez, secretary, 1140 St. John's Place Brooklyn N.Y.; and Dr. Richard B. Pomeroy, treasurer.

The next meeting will be January 27 at the William Sloane YMCA, 34th St. between 8th and 9th Aves., New York City, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Maienthan will show his collection of British Coronation FDC's.

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Besides the Coils and Black Star which are the smallest Ghana issues it's worth mentioning that ovpt. Post. Dues and Sc. 25-7 less than 160,000 of each were printed according to reliable sources. This information has just been received.

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5-13	Q.E. ovpts	3.25	22.50	175.00	.65
14-6	Black Star	6.50	35.00	185.00	.65
17-20	Independence	1.75	7.50	47.50	1.75
21-7	Add. Q.E. ovpts	.67	3.95	18.95	.98
22-31	Visit Obsol.	1.25	8.95	55.00	1.25
32-5	Airlines	.38	3.95	19.75	.65
36-8	U. N.	1.75	7.95	47.50	1.40
37-6	Gold Coast P. Dues	.75	3.95	19.95	1.20
38-5	U. N. Post. Dues	1.25	15.00	80.00	1.40
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"Not exactly," we demurred. "There's a slight charge attached."

"Slight is right," said Miss Frump. "Well, it's a housecleaning mixture like you say. I've just cleaned out the Vatican drawer. Truly, you must be out of your mind, mentally speaking, to put such stamps in a mixture. Just the interest on one of those Vatican sets would pay for my dramatic lessons for a year."

"You still studying to be a movie star?", we said to change the subject.

"I'll thank you not to get personal," said Miss Frump, huffily, looking at me in the well-known manner of a duchess looking at a bug. "We happen to be discussing a matter of business policy, not my cinema career. But just for your information, yes, I'm still. Rome wasn't built in a day, you know, by even Marilyn Monroe. But when they gave her a screen test, Marilyn was ready. Likewise me, Mr. Farmer. Likewise me."

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News From The Three Germanies

R. Y. Megan

Berlin Problem Solved?

The renewed discussions on Berlin in the political sphere only serve to underline the difficulties with which the West German authorities are faced vis-a-vis their erstwhile capital. I have mentioned before that although West Berlin has Deputies in the Federal Parliament (Bundestag), the three Western sectors of the city are not politically part of the Federal Republic.

Like the Eastern (or "Democratic") sector, they form part of an Allied Four-Power Control Zone, with the important distinction that East Berlin is immediately adjacent to East Germany, whilst West Berlin is surrounded on all sides by what amounts to enemy territory.

That, of course, is the reason that from 1948 West Berlin has had its own stamp issues (and initially its own separate sub-currency), which were however freely exchangeable with Federal German stamps and money. Nor do the new develop-
ments indicate that there is very much likelihood in the immediate future of West Berlin being integrated politically with the Federal Republic.

Quite the contrary; the opposite might conceivably happen, because from a military standpoint, the three Western sectors are completely indefensible. There is also a good deal of truth in the allegation that West Berlin is being used as an espionage bridgehead which constitutes a running sore well inside the body of the Iron Curtain countries.

None of this, however prevents the Federal Post Office from imposing its stamp law on the Berlin Postal Directorate, and from obliging the local officials to withdraw stamps at the last moment before issue, altering and adapting their designs and generally dancing to the tune piped by Bonn.

The latest maneuver aims at stamp equality throughout West Germany, principally by reissuing West German stamps with the additional inscription "Berlin" in a manner similar to the Saar Territory issues. The short-lived second Buildings definitive series completed last April by the 3DM denomination is to be replaced from January 31 by a new issue with a portrait of President Heuss.

This is itself likely to be short-lived, as under the constitution, the President is due to retire in 1959, and cannot be reelected. Nor does he wish to do anything else except return to private life and seclusion.

Nevertheless, in honor of his 75th birthday, both West Germany and West Berlin will issue a new definitive set starting with the 10 and 20 pfennig denominations. The design shows a new portrait of Professor Heuss in an oval frame of lettering.

The set will certainly be extended to include values of 7, 10, 20, 40, and 70pf. which between them serve for 80% of the stamp requirements of West Germany. With this issue, Max Bittorf's 1954 designs will be replaced.

One small gratification is left to Berlin: the local administration will be permitted to have six stamp issues of its own each year over and above the adapted Federal designs. They will thus still be able to mark events of special local importance although a good many of the, let us admit sometimes unnecessary, "political" issues will be avoided.

Penal Servitude for Stamp Switching

Lest anyone construe the above headline as another attack on the policy of the East German authorities, I hasten to point out that it relates to a case reported in the recent judicial summons from a West German city. A stamp collector had been accused of removing valuable stamps from an exchange club booklet, and replacing them with repaired stamps of the same type. It was only with great difficulty that this person escaped a long stretch of penal servitude.

German law, based on a decision of the Supreme Court of Justice of January 19, 1925, considers such substitution as a forgery of documents, uttering these to a third party with fraudulent intent. It was only by deciding that the case cited above was simple forgery (rather than "aggravated" forgery) that the judge saved the errant collector from a long stretch behind bars.

The crime of "aggravated forgery" carries with it a sentence of penal servitude of not less than twelve months, truly a formidable penalty for an act, which whilst indubitably damaging, hardly merits such severe punishment.

Wide publicity given to the ver-

dict will undoubtedly do a good deal to protect West German exchange clubs from the effects of marauding members. It is to be hoped further that some of these petty pilferers will receive a salutary shock when they read about this particular sentence.

Eastern Officials

Many a collector has got confused between the various types and degrees of stamps issued for East German official mail. These stamps are valid only within the territory of the East German Republic but in spite of their local status, no one has yet grudging them full catalogue rating.

Two different kinds must be clearly distinguished: one is the series for use by government offices, in the "Hammer and Compasses" design. It is confined to use by the nationalized industries and government bodies.

These stamps are not normally available uncanceled, although ample supplies have been put on the market with favor obliterations. In 1954, seventeen denominations were released, offset-printed, and these were followed a little later by reissue in letterpress.

On the other hand, the "Cypher" designs in black (5 to 70pf.) although inscribed "Dienstmarke" were confined to use on "A Class" mail of the most confidential nature. The evident absurdity of including in this range a 5pf. stamp (printed matter) will be apparent. In fact, the series had only a six months' life, being replaced on October 1, 1956, by the oblong labels inscribed "Zentraler Kurierdienst", printed in black on violet.

Curiously enough, three versions of this design, unissued, were released to collectors via the State trading organization, without ever having seen postal use. They are the 20pf. with watermark "DDR and Posthorn" upright, and 10 and 20pf. denominations on "DDR and Quatrefoils" watermark paper. The latter stamps were used only with the "Cypher" overprint to indicate the office of origin; without this overprint they are completely unknown.

In January 1958 the series was again replaced by a new form of "Zentraler Kurierdienst" labels, issued in coil form and very similar to registration slips. Here the value indication is confined to one or two short horizontal bars on each side of a control number, which presumably again gives an indication as to the office of origin.

Printed in yellow and red, two editions have already been distinguished. The first has thin bars and is printed on white paper, while the second has the bars thicker and more prominent, and comes on a greenish paper with an admixture of fibres.

Austria-Hungary Still.

At the recent National Stamp Exhibition in Budapest, plenty of evidence was offered that amongst philatelists at any rate, Austro-Hungarian amity still exists.

A large number of Austrian exhibits were to be seen, most notable amongst them perhaps a strip of seven of the 1850 nine-kruetzer stamp and some very attractive classic Hungarian material in the "Franz-Josef Head" design. Other items of interest were an exhibit of Tibet, some Swedish mail from the UN Forces in Egypt, and classic Serbian material.

Linn's Editor On Florida Commission

George W. Linn, founder and senior editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, has been appointed by the Quadricentennial Commission of Florida to the committee which seeks a commemorative postage stamp to note the seven-year period of exploration and colonization of Florida by the Spanish and French, 1559-1565. The appointment was made by J. McHenry Jones, chairman of the Commission.

The committee for the proposed philatelic tribute to the state is headed by William S. Walker, Jacksonville, with Hamilton Upchurch, St. Augustine, as vice chairman. Other members are Lorence Resnick, president of the University Club, Miami; George P. Speed, immediate past president of the Jacksonville, Fla. Stamp Collectors Club; Kenneth L. Rice, secretary of the American Philatelic Society, West Palm Beach; and Lawrence D. Shoemaker.

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26	#615 2c st. edge Reading 5/1/24	Est. 3.50
27	#617 1c Cambridge 4/4/25	Est. 3.00
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38	#619 5c Concord 4/4/25	Est. 6.00
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53	#623 17c Wils. Staunton 12/28/25	Est. 3.50
54	#623 17c New York 12/28/25	Est. 3.50
55	#623 17c Princeton 12/28/25	Est. 3.50
56	#627 2c Sequel, Boston 5/10/26	Est. 3.00
57	#627 2c Boston pair 5/10/26	Est. 3.00
58	#627 2c Washington 5/10/26	Est. 2.00
59	#627 2c Phila. 5/10/26	Est. 2.00
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62	#628 5c Minneapolis 5/29/26	Est. 5.00
63	#628 5c New York 10/18/26	Est. 2.00
64	#629 2c N. Y. orig. cach. same design as	Est. 7.50
65	#629 2c White Plains 10/18/26	Est. 2.00
66	#629 2c block N. Y. 10/18/26	Est. 7.00
67	#629 2c block Wn. Plains 10/18/26	Est. 7.50
68	#631 11c Haring impt. pr. 8/27/26	Est. 3.50
69	#631 11c Haring impt. pr. 8/27/26	Est. 3.50
70	#631 11c Harding 5/17/27	Est. 3.00
71	#632 3c Wash. 12/10/26	Est. 3.50
72	#632 3c Wash. 12/10/26	Est. 3.50
73	#632 3c release 2/7/34	Est. 3.00
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78	#643 2c Washington Gorham cachet	Est. 3.00
79	#643 2c Vt. str. of 5, Wash. 8/3/27	Est. 3.00
80	#644 2c Burg. Utica 8/3/27	Est. 3.50
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85	#644 2c Albany cach. illust. pict. map	Est. 5.00
86	#644 2c Syracuse map cach. as above	Est. 5.00
87	#644 2c str. of 4 & 5c Rome 8/3/27	Est. 4.00
88	#644 2c block on Sequel ent. Wash.	Est. 7.50
89	#644 2c Rome, Gorham cachet	Est. 4.00
90	#644 2c Rome, Gorham cachet	Est. 4.00
91	#644 2c Albany, Gorham cachet	Est. 4.00
92	#645 2c block Norristown 5/26/28	Est. 4.00
93	#645 2c block Valley Forge	Est. 4.00
94	#645 2c block on Sequel ent. Wash.	Est. 5.50
95	#646 2c block M.P. Red Bank 6/14/28	Est. 2.50
96	#646 2c M.P. Red Bank 6/14/28	Est. 2.50
97	#646 2c M.P. Freehold 10/20/28	Est. 2.50
98	#646 2c block on Sequel ent. Freeh.	Est. 8.00
99	#647-8 2c 5c 1 cover, ash. no cach.	Est. 6.00
100	#648 5c Wash. 8/13/27	Est. 6.00
101	#649 2c Aero. Wash. 12/12/28	Est. 2.00
102	#650 5c Aero Wash. 12/12/28	Est. 3.00
103	#649 2c Aero Wash. 12/12/28 cachet	Est. 3.50
104	#649-50 2c & 5c 1 cover, no cachet	Est. 3.00
105	#651 2c str. of 3 Vincennes 2/25/29	Est. 1.25
106	#651 2c Vincennes 2/25/29	Est. 1.50
107	#651 2c Wash. 2/26/29 orig. cach.	Est. 3.50
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127	#680 2c 5 cities no cachet	Est. 2.50
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Notes From
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Italy sneaked in an unexpected commemorative set at the year's end — as it often does — and Italian Somaliland has announced a new airmail to be issued "at the end of January".



The Italian set consisted of two stamps — a 25 Lire red, blue and black, and a 60L. blue and black — to mark the "X Annuale Premio Italia — Concorso Internazionale — Radio-TV" (10th Annual International Italian Radio and TV Competitive Award). No further information is at hand, nor do Italian cultural publications thus far received make reference to the event.



Both values were designed by F. Carboni, and are printed by photograph on star-watermarked paper in panes of 40 subjects. The 25L. item shows a radio antenna in the foreground, with modernistic figures of a man and woman in the background. The 60L. depicts the same antenna against a concert piano.

The Somalia notice announced the imminent release of a 5-Somali airmail stamp, color not indicated, to supplement the current "Antelopes" air series and replace the now-exhausted 5S. airmail adhesive of 1950.



Italy initiated its 1959 philatelic program on January 2 with a two-value set to mark the centenary of Sicily's first stamps. The design, engraved by V. Nicastro, reproduces the 2 and 5 grana values (but not in the original colors) of the Sicilian set. The values are

25L. blue green and 60L. orange. Printing is in panes of 100 subjects, on paper without either watermark or selvage inscription.

The dual Kingdom of the Two Sicilies was a product of the Treaty of Vienna, which ended the Napoleonic epoch. By its terms, Naples and Sicily were united under one king, but with separate governments — in theory. Actually, autocratic power resided in the hands of the king. Sicily, however, had its own stamps. They were used in 83 post offices throughout the island and the small surrounding isles.

When Ferdinand II finally overcame his lifelong hatred of anything British — at least, to the point of introducing postage stamps — he entrusted the work of designing them to one Aloysio Juvara. A native of Messina, Sicily, Juvara was at that time resident in Naples, where he held the post of Professor in Ordinary of Engraving at the Royal Institute of Fine Arts.

Juvara made an engraving of the king's head from a photograph. A painter, Carlo la Barbera, then designed the frame Giuseppe la Barbera (no relation to Carlo; note the difference in spelling) was then authorized to print the stamps. At first, he attempted to surface print them, but the result was unsatisfactory.

Finally, the contract was turned over to Francesco Lao, who created an electrotyped set. Because of la Barbera's bungling, and the fact that a deadline was involved, time did not permit the acquisition of watermarked paper. Further the gum was handbrushed on, often with lamentable results. It is a tribute to Lao that, despite all these obstacles, the stamps went on sale on the appointed day of January 1.

Ferdinand has a most unsavory reputation in Italian history. A man who affected a bluff, hearty manner, he was actually a treacherous, cruel and determined despot. To Italians, he is best known as "Il Bomba" (the Bomb) because of his ferocious bombardment of Messina during the Sicilian insurrection of 1848.

It is a reflection of his belief in his own importance that a special canceller was used on the Sicilian stamps, so designed that it should not deface the excellence of His Majesty's portrait!

The stamps themselves were printed in sheets of 100, and although the issue was in use for less than two years (Garibaldi won the island for Italy in his famous campaign of 1860), every denomination shows a range of shades, most of them quite distinctive. Not only are shades and colors to be found, but for four of the seven denominations (½, 1, 2 and 5 grana) two or three plates were used per denomination, and stamps from the different plates can be distinguished and identified as follows:

½ grana: Plate I — Printed in four panes of 25 stamps each. Panes 1 and 3 show stamps with defective upper corners and two background dots close to the nose. Panes 2 and 4 show a white dot touching the "A" of "POSTA".

Plate II — Printed in a unitary sheet of 100 stamps, without the defects which show on Plate I.

1 grana: Plate I — White speck between "S" and "T" of "POSTA"; white speck above the head. Plate II — Short white line below the beard. Plate II — Without the defects which characterize the other two plates. This is the olive green stamp which Scott lists as No. 12.

2 grana: Plate I — Printed in four panes of 25 stamps each. Pane 1 shows a white blemish below the nose. Pane 2 has the blemish above the nose, and a blemish uniting the "S" and "T" of "POSTA". The other two panes show a very small blemish on the eyebrow. Plate II — Individual stamps from this plate are almost indistinguishable from those of Plate I. Plate III — Printed in unitary sheet of 100 stamps, cleared of the defects found in Plates I and II.

5 grana: Plate I — Four panes of 25 stamps. Upper right corners incomplete on three of the panes, while the fourth shows two white dots following the "A" of "DELLA", and a white dot on the nose. Scott No. 14 (as distinguished from 14a and 14b) is found only from Plate I. Plate II — Unitary sheet of 100 stamps, free of foregoing defects.

Because of the hand brushed gum, many of the stamps are found in what is called an "oily print"; this resulted from the seepage of the gum arabic mucilage into the fibers of the paper. All values save the 50g. exist double-printed, and three of the values (½, 1, 2g.) are known printed on both sides.

Two copies are known of an error of color of the ½g. — blue instead of orange. These are believed to be proofs which were postally used.

Ferdinand II died May 22, 1859 — less than five months after his stamps were put into circulation. Ten weeks later, Garibaldi opened his Sicilian campaign. Francis II, Ferdinand's successor, ruled for only three and a half months before fleeing from Naples. With his fall, there remained only the City of Rome as an obstacle to a united Italy.

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Last Of This Season's Catalog?

With the arrival of the Stanley Gibbons "Two Reigns" catalog on November 28, the catalog season was officially completed. Stanley Gibbons are making a real effort to get as up-to-date as possible, and releases up to and including October have been accommodated, albeit in an Addenda section. Naturally, one can always keep on top of things by subscribing to the Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

The prices again are worthy of comment: In Great Britain far and away the most expensive of the 1937 low values is the 2½d of 1940 with watermark sideways, quoted at 10/- mint and used. This is a stamp worth looking for in your stock of duplicates, as these watermark variants often go unrecognized in a large accumulation.

The 10/- dark blue and light blue stamps of 1939 and 1942 seem to have reached their level at £5 and £3 respectively, and even the £1 in the Heraldic Flowers design (1948) has been increased to 30/- mint. It is, however, still obtainable at face value from dealers who have stocks. The same applies to the £1 blue in the Silver Wedding set.

Of the King George VI postwar commemoratives, the 1949 UPU set is still better than the Olympic Games issue, 5/8 as opposed to 4/4, although numbers issued are very similar. It is also interesting to see that the 4d definitive in light ultramarine, at 2/6, is only 6d below the quotation for the 4d gray green of 1938, long recognized as a rare item.

There have been no spectacular developments in the Tudor watermark definitives of Queen Elizabeth, except that the 11d in used state is quoted at 1/- The 4d "Inter-Parliamentary Conference" stamp of 1957 already stands at 1/- mint, 1/6 used. I am also surprised to see that the 1/3 Jubilee Jamboree issue is priced 6d more in the used condition — strange indeed in British stamps which are still valid for postage!

Stanley Gibbons also lists the British Regional stamps in used state, but on what must surely be completely empirical calculations, as the small island 3d values are priced 2d each — just the same as the 3d stamps for Ireland, Scotland and Wales which are infinitely more common.

Colonial Prices

Aden prices for the dark colors make interesting reading in view of the figures just published by the Crown Agents. Surprisingly enough, all Aden stamps are used in larger quantities than one would think. Again, sales to collectors keep below the 100,000 mark except for the 5c denomination.

The old colors are, however, priced about 25 to 30% higher than the current set, and judging by the numbers available, it seems to be a justified quotation. Certainly, these items will never be rare.

Once on the subject of numbers printed, the early Bermuda 3d and 1/3 (Sandy's with the incorrect apostrophe) appear to be available in adequate numbers, as sales to collectors were 127,000 of the 3d and 76,000 of the 1/3. These quantities do not of course include the special printings of the 1/3 which was subsequently overprinted in 1953 and 1956 — about 300,000 of each overprint were affected.

We have a surprise with the Montserrat "Presidency" stamps, as the \$4.80 value will certainly be one of the scarcest of the QEII colonials. Priced by Stanley Gibbons at 30/- mint, 35/- used, less than 5,000 of this stamp were issued altogether, and only 663 were sold to collectors via the Crown Agents.

That means that fewer than fifteen complete sheets have ever been put aside and most of these would have been broken up for singles at the time of issue. If you can still get hold of any, my suggestion is that you do so—quickly!

Finally we have the Turks and Cocos Islands, 5d and 8d of 1955, where 14,000-odd of each denomination were taken up by the stamp trade. This again seems to be an adequate number for British Colonials, although that quantity of a UNO issue would produce a price rise second to none.

Certainly these figures show very revealingly that Colonial Governments do not make vast fortunes out of selling stamps to collectors. I had always fondly imagined that the best part of 100,000 complete sets would be taken up of most Colonial stamps.

More New Issues

The new "Crown" watermark paper is gradually being introduced on to the British definitive series after making its first bow on the Regional stamps. Several of the low values have already been noted on this paper, notably the 4d, 5d and 1/- denominations, whilst the ½d, 7d and 10d came on general sale later in December. Gradually, the new paper will be extended to all values.

The new 4½d stamp is due for release February 9. It will be the first one to be released which brings a new value to the definitive set. Its design is that of the 4d; its color will be a light brown similar to the 5d value.

Conversely, a number of denominations in the definitive series are to be withdrawn, but no official announcements as to which values are affected have yet been made. Possibly the 5d stamp will be one of the victims.

It is likely also that the 7d, 10d and/or 11d values may be deleted, as there is comparatively little demand for them. Those which do appear on the new "Crown" watermark paper, are due for a good future, as their life is certainly limited. Nobody has yet lost on a holding of British definitive stamps.

Equally, such of the new stamps as are being overprinted for use in the Persian Gulf will turn out to be good property, if only because all these overprints are due to be replaced by permanent pictorial designs. Anybody who complained that Britain is an uninteresting country to collect would be well advised to reconsider his remarks, as indeed the country has been positively prolific.

In the whole of the reign of George VI, only 59 catalog numbers were released. But since 1952, i.e. over the past six years, the United Kingdom has already put out no less than 60 different main numbers, not including differences in watermark positions or electronic underprints which between them would make up another 36 numbers.

During George VI's reign, these variants totalled only 39 altogether. Now another 21 main numbers are being added, complete with an anticipated 14 sub-numbers for watermark positions, making a total of 35 stamps!

In order to have a copy of every GB definitive released since the beginning of the reign, no fewer than 42 low value stamps and eight high value ones would be required, to take consideration of both printers of the "Castles" issue. Incidentally, these will also be reprinted on the new "Crown" watermark paper. All in all, therefore, the collection is quite a formidable one, and should satisfy even the most avid specialist.

Prospectus Available for 1960 Show.

The preliminary prospectus for the 1960 International Exhibition in London has now been released. It gives details of most of the early arrangements for what promises to be a very interesting show. Unfortunately the Exhibition Organizers chose a very poor symbol in the shape of a drawing of London's Festival Hall, and produced some even weirder black and green labels which, I am almost compelled to say, they had the temerity to offer for sale.

No doubt a few patriotic collectors will buy them, but I do sincerely trust that this shoddy standard of visual presentation will not apply to other exhibition mementoes. The design as it stands has absolutely nothing to do with stamps, and is indeed a disgrace to the Festival Hall, which is a most excellent and artistic modern building.

It is at least pleasing to note that the prospectus is well laid out and decently printed, including as it does a colored portrait of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Copies can be obtained on request to 41, Devonshire Place, London, W1, England.

'59 Supplement For Gershon's "Israel"

Printed in both its native Hebrew and English, the 1959 supplement for the popular "Gershon's Catalogue Of Israel Stamps" is now on the market. It contains 24 pages of stamps and other philatelic material which have appeared since the 140-page, 1958 catalog was published.

The supplement lists stamps, first day covers, entire, picture postcards, booklets, and the usual varieties of each. It also has a showing of memorial sheets, maximum cards, folders, cancellations, and flight covers. Prices are in Israel Pounds (1000 pruta), equal to 56c U. S.

Included with the offering is a four-page insert listing Israeli revenue issues of the first, second and third issues, illustrated and priced.

The 1958 catalog and the 1959 supplement are available from the publisher, Gershon G. Litzman, P. O. Box 2292, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Lincoln's Popularity Not Yet Nationwide

According to a recent news dispatch from Suffolk, Va., postal clerks in that little southern town are encountering sales resistance to the 4c Lincoln regular stamp, which became standard for letter mail when rates went up August 1.

Several patrons, mostly older persons, consistently refuse to buy the Lincoln adhesives, ordering instead the 3c Liberty and the 1c Washington to make the proper rate.

One elderly woman, the story relates, spurned Lincoln four-centers but was intrigued by a commemorative the clerk showed her. She bought a sheet. Ten minutes later she returned, indignantly flinging the stamps back at him. He had sold her the Lincoln-Douglas Debate commemorative.

Lake County Club To Exhibit February 21-22

The Lake County Stamp Club of Painesville, Ohio has scheduled its first annual exhibition and bourse for February 21-22 at the Lake Erie College for Women in Painesville. Plans include at least 50 frames of material and a number of prominent dealers at the bourse.

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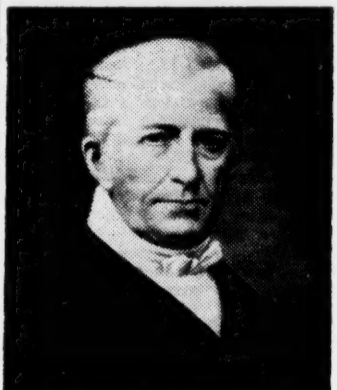
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The Bermuda Post Office issued a new 6d stamp January 1 in honor of the creator of the famed Perot stamps. The issue was placed on public sale at the recently restored Perot Memorial Post Office in the capital city of Hamilton. The building was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Woodall, in one of the chief ceremonies to inaugurate this 350th anniversary year of Bermuda's founding as a British colony.



William B. Perot
Postmaster, Hamilton, Bermuda
1818-1862

The main use of the new issue will be for airmail post cards. A scene depicting the original Perot Post Office, with the dates 1848-1958, appears on the left side of the stamp. A likeness of Queen Elizabeth II is shown on the opposite side with the word "Bermuda" on the lower border. The issue was printed in black and mauve by the recess process, by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., Surrey, England.

The Philatelic New Year Scene In India

Although definite news of proposed 1959 issues in India is lacking, and it is not possible to make predictions with 100 per cent certainty, there are several suggested issues which are receiving serious consideration by the Post Office Department of the nation, according to Dhirubhai Mehta of Asiatic Hobbies, Asiatic Chambers, Ghatkopar, India.

There is some agitation for a stamp to note the diamond jubilee of the Haffkine Institute and another in tribute to Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy, a well-known industrialist figure in the national life. There is also some talk of a commemorative for the Indian Science Congress.

Considerable criticism has been directed toward the Post Office Department, according to Mr. Mehta's account, for its failure to coordinate its philatelic activities with the events being noted and as a result falling short of realizing the full potentialities of the various philatelic implications.

Last year several such adhesives were not ready for issuance until after the events being noted were no longer front page news. Again, sufficient advance notice to the world's philatelists was not usually given, with a resulting loss of revenue through first day cover and mint stamp sales.

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The total number of specimens now in existence cannot be definitely established, but they rank among the rarest of postage stamps. It has been reliably estimated that no more than a dozen specimens can be traced.

According to L. Roy Selley, leading Bermuda philatelist, the Perot stamps, as collectors' pieces, first came to light in 1897. A stamp circular of that year mentioned the finding of a letter written from Hamilton in April 1855, and addressing to a gentleman in St. George's, with a stamp in carmine, later identified as a Perot, pasted on the sheet.

Mr. Selley has stated that no specimen of the Perot in black was located until 1898, and only then by chance among the jumbled contents of a drawer. He added that the price known to have been paid in recent years for one specimen in carmine was \$3,000, and one in black brought approximately half that sum.



The Perot Stamp

Perot issued his first stamp sometime in 1848. Taking his office cancellation stamp, he deleted the day and the month and struck off im-

pressions in sheets of one dozen, which he sold for 1/- per sheet.

These impressions consisted of the words "Hamilton Bermuda" in a circle with the year in the center. The postmaster then took his pen and, above the date, wrote in the amount of the stamp, "one penny", and below it affixed his signature, "W. B. Perot".

That some of the Perot stamps are in black and others in carmine, says Mr. Selley, is merely because when they were first being made the ink used for postmarking letters was black. However, during the latter part of 1849 the color was changed to carmine, the postmaster using whatever ink the government supplied at the time.

Mr. Perot in addition to supplying Bermuda with its first postage, also inaugurated the first house-to-house delivery of mail in Hamilton — and he was himself the postman.

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Egyptian Semipostal To Note Day Of Post

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The vertical design features a pigeon with a letter in its beak against a red and black circular background. The top panel and lower portion of the stamp are in bluish green. A green star on each wing of the bird denotes the two areas (Syrian and Egyptian) of the UAR.

The denomination is expressed in English numerals "10 + 5" at the lower left and in Arabic "0 + 1" at lower right. It will be noted that Arabic is written from right to left, but that numbers are written left to right; also, that in that language the value of five is indicated by "O", while the zero is expressed by a period ".", with only the "1" and "9" being similar in both Arabic and English.

The date of issue is the anniversary date of the purchase by Egypt many years ago of its postal system which previously had been privately operated by foreign principals.

The Egyptian Ministry of Communications has announced also that a new 55m. ordinary stamp will be issued especially for use on registered A. R. mail. This is estimated at some two million pieces annually. Temporarily the 100m. Nefertiti regular will be overprinted "UAR 55", with a small quantity being further surcharged "Palestine" for use in the Gaza Strip. A new adhesive of this value will be designed and issued in the near future.

Two Singles Begin 1959 French Program

January 19 will be day of issue of a 15 franc commémorative to note the Paris flower show, according to Gimbel's Stamp and Coin Dept. New York. The design by Gandon shows the Arc de Triomphe and an array of flowers.



A week later, January 26, will see the release of a 12 franc adhesive in tribute to the 150th anniversary of the "Academic Palms" award which was instituted in 1808 as a means of honoring academic accomplishments.

The motif by Decaris features the decoration surrounded by books, a globe, a T-square, and other symbols of learning. Details as to color, printing, editions have not yet been made public.

Lincoln Material At Saginaw Stamp Fair

The Saginaw Stamp Fair, annual exhibition of the Saginaw Valley Stamp Society, will be staged February 21-22 at the Moose Temple Auditorium, Saginaw, Mich. Particular emphasis will be placed on a showing of Lincolniana as well as stamps and covers of the Civil War period.

Ben B. Newman of Chicago, guest exhibitor will show several frames of his Lincoln material in the court of honor. The general showing will contain extensive displays of Michigan postal history.

Cachets and seals will be available. The former will feature a two-color design of the famous "unbearded" Lincoln portrait and will be franked with a block of four of the new 1c Lincoln stamp. Covers are 15c each, 3 for 40c, from Russell Christensen, 2010 Jefferson St., Midland, Mich. Seals are 10c each, 3 for 25c, plus a stamped, addressed envelope with each order, also from Mr. Christensen.

South Jersey Club Party January 24

The Assn. of South Jersey Stamp Clubs has announced an entertainment and card party for January 24 in an effort to interest the wives and non-stamp friends of the members in the activities of the organization. The event will be held 12:30 to 5:30 p. m. in the "Good Neighbor Room" of Lit's department store, Camden, N. J.

Interested collectors and friends may contact any club member for details, or Mrs. George E. Sweigart, 220 Cooper St., Camden.

At the December meeting officers were elected for the new year as follows: George Sweigart, Victor A. A. Club, president; Mary E. Gormley and Ralph Ernst, both of the Atlantic City Club, vice-presidents; Mrs. George Sweigart, Courier-Post Club, recording secretary; Gladys Testerman, Women's Club, corresponding secretary; Winfield Mace, Tillicum Club, treasurer; and Jack Ludwick, Hammonton Club, trustee.

A new policy instituted at this meeting is that the organization's president automatically assume the chairmanship of the annual "SO-JEX" exhibition. Plans for the 1959 event are already under way, it was announced.

Leader, Anniversary On East German Pair

On December 27 East Germany noted the first anniversary of the death of former Deputy Prime Minister Otto Nuschke with a single 20 pfennig red stamp. It was offset printed on DDF quatrefoil wmk paper by the Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei, Leipzig, after a design by Horst Kloppe, Potsdam-Babelsberg.



Three days later, on the 30th, a 20pf. red single was issued in tribute to the 40th anniversary of the German communist party. The design by Harry Priess, Schöneiche b. Berlin, shows the masthead of the newspaper "The Red Flag". It was printed in the same manner as the December 27 item.

Four-Color Cachet For Oregon Stamp

An unusual cachet featuring a four-color reproduction of the official centennial emblem will be used by the Oregon Stamp Society, Inc., Portland, Ore. on the club's first day covers for the Oregon commemorative to be released February 14.

The covers will be of highest quality paper, carefully prepared and serviced by experienced stamp collectors, and mailed from Astoria, Ore. on the first day of the new stamp. They are 25c each, 5 for \$1 for singles. Pairs are 30c each; blocks of four, 40c; and plate blocks, 65c as long as the supply lasts.

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Gold Embossed FDC For Oregon Commem

A gold embossed first day cover will be serviced by the Greater Eugene Stamp Society in connection with the Oregon Statehood Centennial stamp to be released at Astoria, Ore. February 14.

The cachet will reproduce the official seal of the Oregon Centennial Commission depicting 100 years of progress in Oregon, and bear the inscription "Oregon 100th Anniversary Celebration 1859-1959". As an added feature each cover will be stuffed with a special edition of the Society's bulletin which will contain a series of stories on Oregon history.

Collectors desiring these first day covers may 25c per cover to William Boster 947 W. 10th Ave., Eugene, Ore.

H. Ott's New Zealand Covers At Philadelphia

The extensive New Zealand cover collection of Henry Ott will be shown and described by him at the January 21 meeting of the Philadelphia, Pa. Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society, according to Louis Meyer, president.

The meeting will be held at the Liberty Federal Bldg., 202 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, at 7:30 p. m. Further details are available from Mr. Meyer at 244 Fernon St., Philadelphia 48, Pa.

Fine Handbook For Brussels Fair Issues

Welcome news for those collectors who have gathered everything concerned with the Brussels Fair of 1958 — stamps, covers and postmarks — is the announcement of release of "Philately of the Brussels International Exhibition".

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This opportune handbook gives detailed data on the stamp issues pertaining to the Brussels 1958 Universal & International Exhibition, including both Scott and Gibbons 1959 catalog numbers, first day of issue, quantities issued, printers, designers, engravers and a great deal of other pertinent information relating to these stamps — all written in the author's usual tabulated form. It is printed on a good grade of paper, stiff cover, and is well illustrated.

This handbook is recommended to all who have collected the Brussels Fair, or are planning to include it in their activities. Copies are available at \$1 postpaid from the Society of Philatelic Americans sales agent, Henry O. Nouss, P.O. Box 2775 Hamilton Sta., Pompano Beach, Fla.

Cleveland Exhibition January 31-February 1

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Airlines And Philately; The Alitalia Story

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May of 1917 saw the first official airmail adhesive issued, thanks to the overprinting of a special delivery stamp by the Italian government for experimental flights from Turin to Rome and back. This was a philatelic first for Italy.

That nation made aviation history for years because of such great pilots as Lomardi, Mazzotti, Balbo, and others. These men all helped carry the Italian banners to new horizons.

The year 1926 saw the inauguration of the first air service on a commercial basis when Societa Italiana Servizie Aerie (Trieste) joined with other airlines including Aero Espresso Italiana (Brindisi), Societa Anonima Navigazione Aerea (Genoa), and Societa Aera Mediterranea (Rome).

This amalgamation contained almost every major line, other than Aviolinee Italiane which attached itself to FIAT, later uniting with FIAT to form the flag airline Ala Littoria.

The war years saw mobilization of the air fleets and personnel, with 1946 (20 years after the early Italian commercial aviation start being the year when commercial airlines reappeared in Italy. The return was not easy, however, we shall pass the interim period by telling readers what Alitalia is today (1958). Accordingly, suppose we let wings of steel take us to Ciampino, Rome's International Airport.

This field is the base for Alitalia's fleet. At this modern air terminus can be found the hangars and technical offices of this great line. At Ciampino can also be found the air terminal for the domestic service which covers some sixteen Italian cities, including Nice, Torino, Milano, Venezia, and others. The greatest volume of traffic is recorded between Milan and Rome.

The international service of Alitalia can take a traveler to Lod Airport in Tel Aviv or perhaps Wadi Seidna field in Khartoum. Alitalia craft touch many countries with stops at Athens, Aden, Nairobi, Salisbury, and Johannesburg. The craft also go to many European cities—Dusseldorf, Vienna, Paris, Zurich, London for example.

The South American run carries the Italian flag to Caracas, Sao Paulo, Rio, Montevideo and Buenos Aires, while the Mid-East finds Alitalia craft landing at Damascus, Beyrouth, Asmara, Aden, Baghdad, and Teheran. Africa is touched by Alitalia at points which include Tunis, Tripoli, Benghazi, Nairobi, Salisbury, and Johannesburg.

The line today covers more than 47,000 miles and connects Rome with 45 major cities of the world. The staff includes 25 managers, 836 administrative employees, 1572 technicians, and 559 air crewmen.

The comparatively new, arrow-head shaped, eight-story building in Viale Pilsudski, Rome serves as the

headquarters of the line. This 5559 square ft. structure is occupied by some 300 offices. The most modern equipment and electronic communications devices are in use at all times.

In fact, for example, the home base is in contact by teletype with the NY office, with extensions linking both to the Boston, Chicago and Cleveland branches. The various cities on the domestic service are in contact with Ciampino at all times, day and night.

Wages and salaries are computed by automation machines. The firm also has a microfilm laboratory to turn letters, documents and reports into permanent records. In fact, it is said that Alitalia's microfilm lab is the most modern existing today.

Alitalia is planning for the future, that is, first to improve the quality and frequency of service to the U.S.A. by allocating DC7C's to direct intercontinental service and increasing the number of flights operated by DC6B's. Presently the firm uses these two craft along with DC6's, Viscount 785D's and Convair Metropolitan 440's.

The second major aim of the firm is to modernize the domestic run by using Viscounts and Metropolitan wherever possible.

The line ranks seventh in order of the European Airlines, however, with the jet age upon us the line is



The honor of producing the first airmail stamp was captured by Italy in 1917 with the overprinting of a quantity of her 25c red special delivery adhesives for use on an experimental flight Turin to Rome (May 22) and return (May 27). This was a year before the United States 24c red and blue airmail item was issued. It was, of course, the first stamps designed and printed for airmail franking.

already thinking in terms of DC8 (all jet) craft which it has ordered and hopes to have in the air by spring 1960.

The future also calls for adding new cities and countries, with service to Canada, Japan and Australia and extensions to Asia and Africa.

The philatelic community must take its hats off to this fine airline which goes to many remote sections of the world carrying some of our philatelic mail. We can report that the line is most cooperative. There are today many of the familiar crossbow emblem cacheted covers in the hands of philatelists throughout the world.

For the benefit of readers who may not have this type of material, and to readers who desire to start collecting covers carried by this fantastic line, we are now going to tell about some of the important first flight mail Alitalia has carried. We can report also that the material received full philatelic treatment including cachet, backstamp and cancellation.

The flights in 1956 to the Mid-East received cachets on April 23 (Rome to Baghdad) and April 28 (Rome to Damascus). A bit earlier, the April 2, 1956 first from Rome to

Johannesburg had received special cachets, while the April 14-15, 1957 flights to Naples, Milan, Frankfurt, and Paris received similar philatelic treatment.

The gems of the line came on May 11, 1958 when the line flew a first from Tripoli to Benghazi and the return on May 12. These covers have a cachet with the familiar crossbow emblem, plus writing in Arabic. Again, on June 1 a flight from Turin to Paris and return brought a most interesting cachet. From the first official airmail stamp in the world to Alitalia is a short span in time, yet this line truly keeps Italy on the philatelic map with interesting FF covers or special flights.

Long live Alitalia—!
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International
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One year ago this column told
of the project undertaken by the
Rubber City Stamp Club of Akron,
Ohio in conjunction with a proposed
U.S. stamp (December 23, 1957
Linn's). Since then many collec-
tors have written us about a stamp
for this or that event, and we must
again report that the philatelic
press has little to say on such mat-
ters.

We do feel, however, that since
the Post Office Department recently
honored the Freedom of the
Press it would be fitting to use the
medium to give the story of the
trials and tribulations which take
place when a stamp project is pre-
sented. Therefore, our column will
from time to time bring readers
up-to-date as to what is taking
place in the various channels con-
tacted to bring this Akron project
to a successful conclusion.

Our stamp may never be issued,
but it will be interesting to all
collectors, groups, clubs, and civic
minded folks who have dreams of
putting an event, favorite son or
what-have-you on a stamp, to learn
"the story behind the stamp".

The project is to obtain an ad-
hesive to honor Charles Goodyear,
inventor of the rubber vulcanization
process plus more than fifty other
great patents, who has long gone
unnoticed by the philatelic world.
Since there is today a genuine
philatelic boom in South East Asia
where the magic word is "RUB-
BER" we feel it fitting to present
this man via the printed paper in
this section of the globe. This is
truly an "International Adventure"
of historical significance.

Further, scientists on stamps
could be a great tonic to stimulate
the youth of our country to enter
this area of activity. Perhaps a
whole series of famous Americans
in the field of science could be is-
sued at various times. We should
let the world know of our great
scientific developments.

July 1, 1960 will be the 100th
anniversary of the death of Charles
Goodyear which would make the
time ripe for a stamp—however,
as a famous American this man
should be honored today! A Good-
year stamp should be mounted next
to Edison's for the economy of our
country according to the experts,
is truly based on the wheel, es-
pecially the rubber-tired kind.

Without the rubber processes
developed by Goodyear (used by
all the major rubber concerns
throughout the world) this would
indeed be a rather slow moving
land. We can not leave Charles
Goodyear without saying that this
man lived side-by-side with pov-
erty. The least America could do is
honor him with postal paper.

We attended a conference on
November 23 at the Sheraton-May-
flower Hotel, Akron, at which time
we met the formal committee for
the Goodyear Stamp. The group of
top philatelists included D. C. Butts,
H. Van Berg, Richard Wilson, and
Mrs. Margaret Berkey. All of these
able stamp enthusiasts went on
record to do "all possible" to bring
about this stamp.

An application has been filed with
the PO Department. We will keep
readers posted on any action—
good-bad-or-indifferent—taken on
this issue. The group has printed
a special label type sticker showing
a picture of Mr. Goodyear which
will be circulated on a wide scale.
Topicalists desiring copies may
send stamped, addressed envelopes
to R. Stratton, 698 Wall St., Akron,
Ohio.

Clubs desiring additional litera-
ture or additional labels may write
Mr. Stratton and the material will
be sent pronto. We have been in-
formed that our column of 1957
which first mentioned the project
brought many requests for litera-
ture pertaining to Mr. Goodyear.

This brings the Goodyear stamp
project up-to-date for our interested
readers. We plan to carry it to
some of the foreign journals which
carry our columns. Keep watching
this corner for the latest on this
stamp project.

Speaking of rubber, we must
swing over to Austria where re-
cently some philatelic news has
been made. We can report that
the airship "Underberg" made
some interesting flights in Septem-
ber. Covers on the flight of Sep-
tember 13 were canceled with a
red "Mess OF 58-RUNDFLUG",
plus a special "Wiener Messe"
label.

The airship then carried mail to
Linz on September 16, and to Mun-

The Zeppelin is gone, with its huge rigid frame of girders and
trusses, but the airship has not yet given up the ghost. The Austrian
Underberg dirigible made several flights in September, carrying un-
known quantities of mail on most or all of them. That of September
27 from Munich to Stuttgart included special cards printed in green,
with purple Munich cachet at lower left, large round "on board"
cachet, and the Stuttgart Airport cancellation on the stamp, of
September 28.

ich on the next day. The craft
was overhauled and then flew to
Stuttgart on September 27. All
points received special cancels and
markings, showing the dirigible
plus date, route, and other perti-
nent data.

We do not know whether many cov-
ers have been flown, but one of
our readers has a few to dispose
of at a reasonable fee. Interested
collectors may send stamped, ad-
dressed envelopes to me within 10
days after this issue of Linn's for
the reader's name where further
data may be obtained.

The Australian Air League came
through with an interesting folder
which commemorated the Kings-
ford Smith flight of 1928. It is in
three sections. The first posted
at Sydney, Australia is back-
stamped at Christchurch, N.Z.

The New Zealand dispatch was
posted October 14 at Woodbourne,
with a Sydney backstamp. It is a
most interesting blue and white
item with the Australian dispatch
side of the folder getting a black
special cachet showing a map of
the route.

The Australian official air-letter
sheet used a few years ago is now
available "down under". At pres-
ent it can only be obtained marked
"Specimen". The item is a postage
paid ALS worth owning.

Readers ask how we mount our
covers. In fact, many collectors
today say they would swing to
covers but the space limits them.
We find the best way is to use
cover album pages. Many dealers
have fine items in this line, as
offered in the ads in every issue of
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on each corner of the cover,
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and that does it.

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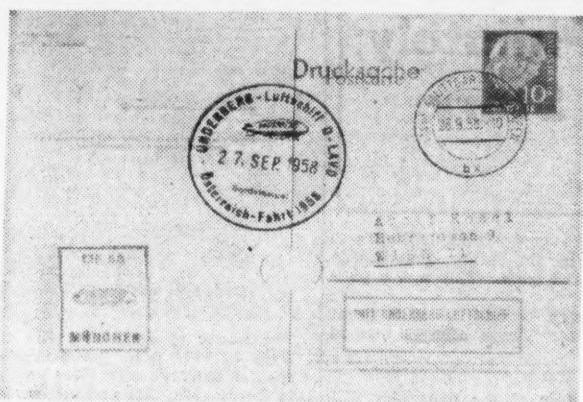
Since the corners are mounted
first on the cover we find that the
latter can not be tattered or torn
once the corners are placed on the
page. Use stiff pages, of course.
Several dealers have artistic pages
for this purpose.

Collectors may purchase inexpen-
sive three-ring binders for a par-
ticular country, first flights, ship
covers, FDC, and so on. There are
many index systems in use but we
find that the album page system
works fine as we can remove any
page at an instant's notice to place
it into an exhibition or show.

Dealers today find collectors de-
sire that something extra beyond
new issues. Collectors want polar
items, flights, ship cancels, au-
tographed covers, air-letter sheets,
to name a few. It appears that
with the many new stamps issued
daily, the average collector feels
that if he has the funds he can ob-
tain them easily. On the other
hand, a cover signed by a king,
musical artist, pilot, stamp de-
signer, explorer, or the like is truly
a challenge. This phase of collect-
ing can come mostly through
covers.

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letters from all over the globe with
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of first day covers, covers from
small islands or remote sections,
military covers, flights, and ships.
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hesives are taken for granted as one
needs only to go through any
philatelic journal to see ad after
ad telling about the same stamp.

This of course means the col-
lector does not have to "explore"
or search for an elusive bit of his-
tory. However, on the day of a
revolt, or perhaps a quick overprint
to make the postal rate, a first
flight or the like can give the col-
lector a feeling that the cover "was



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The 1872 Issue Of Guatemala

Hugh Watchorn

There were several reasons for the new issue of 1872. One was that following the revolution of 1870, the Government decided to change the coat of arms of the Republic, which had been that of the Central American Federation (Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica) dissolved in 1839. The design of the 1872 issue is similar to that of the first issue of 1871, except for the Coat of Arms, and was probably prepared by Juan Bautista Frener, then chief engraver for the Guatemala State Printing Works.

Another reason for the issue was the depletion of stocks of some stamps of the first issue of 1871. And a third was the need for higher denominations. The rate at the time for single letters going abroad was 4 reales or 50 centavos.

The Guatemala minister in London, General Negrete, was instructed to have the new issue prepared. He passed the work on to a man named Edward Matthews, a stationer who supplied the ministry with pens, pencils and paper.

The job was obviously done by a printer who was not familiar with fine printing, as it was a poor job with many flaws. The flaws have made it possible for specialists to identify 100 types of the stamps, though positions in the sheet cannot be determined because of the lack of multiple pieces.

The stamps were lithographed in sheets of 100, 10 x 10. Paper used was a soft white wove of poor quality, and a very large proportion of the stamps now surviving are thinned. Great care should be used in removing hinges, to avoid damaging the stamps. Gum is almost white and smooth; unused copies with gum are not common. The stamps are found in a number of shades.

Perforation is 12, carelessly done, and many copies are off-center; some copies from the margins of the sheets are straightgedged on the side. 200 sheets of the 4r. and 100 of the 1P. were printed, all being sent to Guatemala in one parcel in July 1872.

Dated cancels on these have been found only from 1874 through 1878. When the 1871 issue came out, a new law provided for obliteration of the stamps by a numeral surrounded by dots and lines, each post-office being allotted a number; #1 being used in Guatemala City. (Letters also received a dated town cancel).

This law seems to have been strictly complied with until the end of 1873, in the capital and much later in the provinces. From the cancels found on the 1872 issue, it would seem that not all post offices were supplied with these stamps, almost all used copies known being cancelled with the #1 obliteration for Guatemala City, or the later Guatemala City postmark.

Covers with the 1872 issue are hard to find. Until recently, the largest multiple pieces known of these two stamps were pairs, and very few of these, possibly only two, but a block of four has been reported in Europe.

Three forgeries are known, all perf 11½ instead of 12. A 4r. and a 1P. were made by Fournier in Geneva, and can be spotted by the

word "Facsimile" which appears in small faint white letters in the space between the shield and "CUATRO REALES" or "UN PESO", the denomination shown in letters at the lower part of the stamps. The word "Facsimile" is sometimes blotted out by a heavy faked cancel, or painted over in color.

There is also a forgery of the 4r. from some other source. This one has a small circle just below the middle of the blank space in the center of the shield. For illustration of this forgery, see Scott type A2, prior to the 1959 catalog.

There are also differences in the small ornaments appearing in the oval band containing "CORREOS DE GUATEMALA" and the denomination. In the originals, just below "C" at left and "A" at right, there is at each side one small ornament something like a Maltese cross, in color, outlined in white with bulging rounded ends at top and bottom measuring 3 millimeters from end to end of the white outline.

In the Fourniers, these ornaments appear longer and slimmer, and measure 4mm from end to end of the white outline.

In the third forgery, the ornament at right is a plain white outlined cross, with straight sides except for a slight divergence in the

Dayton Group Plans Mid-March Exhibition

The Dayton, Ohio Philatelic Society has set March 14-15 as the dates of its spring exhibition. The 50-frame display, along with a bourse, will be held at The Loretto in downtown Dayton.

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lines of the lower part, the cross being 2½mm long. The ornament at left is different, a white outlined square with projections at top and bottom only, the projections with straight not curved sides, but diverging so as to be larger at the top and bottom ends, total length from top to bottom 3mm.

References: London Philatelist 1932, Stamp Specialist #20 (Forest Green book), Dorn - Forged Stamps of All Countries, Ninth American Philatelic Congress Book p.15, and last but not least, numerous articles appearing in El Quetzal, the excellent monthly publication of that friendly and live wire outfit, the International Society of Guatemala Collectors. (Membership blanks gladly sent to you).

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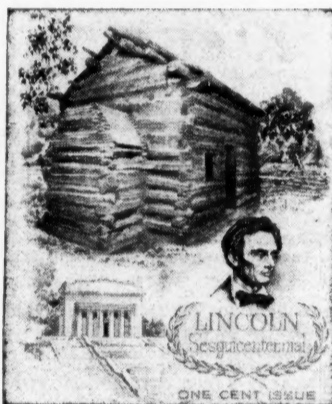
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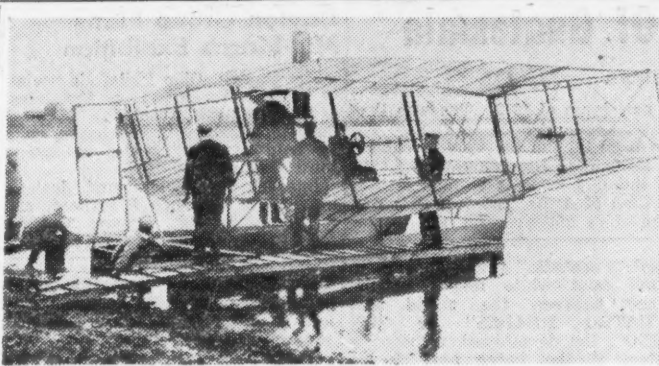
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throughout the winter. McCurdy estimated that in his approximately 200 flights in the craft he covered more than 1000 miles.

The Association's original experiments had begun in 1907 at Dr. Bell's summer home, Bienn Bhreagh, near Baddeck. They were shifted to the Curtiss factory in Hammondsport in January 1908, where the first experimental flying device produced was a biplane glider. The entire project, it has been said, savored much of the long standing Canadian-American spirit of friendship and cooperation.

The kite-like "Dart" had a wing span of 49 feet from tip to tip, with a center chord of six feet tapering to four feet, exclusive of ailerons. The wing area was 420 square feet and the total weight including pilot was 800 pounds. It incorporated all the proven innovations of its predecessors and also had the first successful water-cooled air engine in the world.

The memorable trip of February 1909 inaugurated a series of "firsts" for Jack McCurdy. He carried Canada's first air passenger, F. W. "Casey" Baldwin in the Silver Dart in August 1909 at Petawawa, Ont. where they also gave the first demonstration flights of an aeroplane for military use in the country. At the camp an accident resulted in a wing being broken off the plane and the Silver Dart never flew again.

Jack McCurdy transmitted the first wireless message from an aeroplane in flight to the ground in August 1910. The same year he won the world's biplane speed record at the second International Aviation Meet at Belmont Park, N. Y. By World War I he was one of Canada's two licensed pilots.

McCurdy and Baldwin remained partners for a time, building two aircraft, the Baddeck I and Baddeck II. He later became manager of the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motors, Ltd., Toronto, and eventually was named Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia. He now lives at Baddeck, N.S. The Aerial Experiment Assn. disbanded shortly after the successful flight of the Silver Dart.

Perhaps even such far sighted men as the members of the Canadian Aerial Experiment Assn. and their contemporaries did not realize the significance in terms of national development of the craft they pioneered. Rich mineral resources became accessible. Survey parties reached distant points to chart unknown regions. Wide expanses of forest wealth were found by air research and millions of acres of timber saved from destruction by air fire patrols.

Transportation and communication were, of course, the immediate and most important of the services offered by the aeroplane. New settlements were founded which were often dependent solely on air service. The Post Office is proud to identify itself among those who used and encouraged air transport. To enable such people to obtain mail, the Department permitted the so-called "sticker" service.

Under this arrangement, a sticker bearing the air transport company's name and the amount of the fee charged for carrying the letter by air was affixed to the back of each item which bore the usual postage. The letters were carried in the regular mail stream to the point of departure by air for destination.

1918 and 1919 were important years in postal chronicles as they marked initial airmail flights between places now receiving routine airmail services. The first airmail carried in Canada was between Montreal and Toronto by Capt. Brian Peck on June 24, 1919. To Katherine Stinson goes the double honor of having carried the first airmail in Western Canada and being the first woman to carry mail by air on her trip from Calgary to Edmonton in July 1918.

In a twelve-months period in 1957-58 over 72,000 mail-ton miles are re-

ported for the Edmonton - Calgary run. The first international airmail between Canada and the U.S. was flown by W. E. Boeing and E. Hubbard in March 1919 between Vancouver and Seattle.

Newfoundland, which is now part of Canada, was the departure point for the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic on which mail was carried. J. Alcock and A. W. Brown, pilot and co-pilot on the trip, landed at Clifden, Ireland July 15, 1919.

Now, over 12,000 pounds of letter mail are carried annually to the Republic of Ireland alone, while hundreds of flights cross the Atlantic with airmail for Europe and Africa. Some indication of the volume of mail forwarded from Canada to the countries of the world is given by the fact that approximately 2,300,000 10c air-letter forms are used annually. This is in addition to countless letters sent at regular airmail rates and air parcel post items.

The first regular airmail service under contract was established October 4, 1927 between Bissett and Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba. The route covered 82 miles in summer and 68 in winter, and over 24,000 pounds of mail were carried annually.

By October 1, 1928, a daily-except-Sunday service was established between Montreal and Toronto; by July of the next year it was extended to Detroit, via Hamilton, London and Windsor. For the fiscal year 1957-58, 784,801 mail-ton miles were recorded between Montreal and Toronto alone.

In 1927-28 almost 39,000 pounds of mail were carried by planes flying just less than ten thousand miles. Three decades later, over eight million mail-ton miles are listed for a year's operation in the domestic service.

The hope of direct airmail from Halifax to Vancouver was realized in 1941. In the spring of the following year a truly ocean-to-ocean service was accomplished with the linking of Vancouver Island and St. John's Nfld.

Today, planes penetrate the Arctic night to drop Christmas cards and parcels to snowbound homes. About eight villages along the North shore of the St. Lawrence also receive their winter mail by air drop. Many outposts are now on regular schedules, the most recently added Frobisher Bay receiving a weekly mail by air from Montreal.

The amazing advances in aeroplane construction in half a century are emphasized on the new commemorative stamp, and "The contributions of the 1909 pioneers to aeronautical science are gratefully acknowledged".

Collectors are offered the opportunity of first day covers and the purchase of mint copies at face. Instructions are given below for each type service. These must be followed to avoid error and disappointment.

All patrons who desire to have first day covers bearing the new stamp, specially canceled on the day of issue, are required to forward addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Ottawa, Ont., Canada, not to the Philatelic Section, to arrive not later than February 21.

All must contain "fillers" and must be sealed or have the flaps turned in. To avoid errors the patron should mark on the cover, upper right hand corner, the quantity of stamps to be affixed to each.

The necessary space should be allowed if blocks are ordered. Applicants must not fold envelopes when forwarding them for servicing. Instead, such sendings should be enclosed in an outside wrapper marked "First Day of Issue". Return will be by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered mail.

Orders to be returned by registered mail must include an additional 30c registration prepayment fee.

Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or inquiries not related directly to the order for first day covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

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Pan American Philatelic Federation To Disband

The Pan American Philatelic Federation is to be disbanded, according to F. B. Sellers, president, 134 Altamont Ave., Tarrytown, N. Y. He spoke officially for the board of directors of the group.

The action was rendered necessary by the inability to obtain suitable editorial talent to continue regular publication of the "Pan American Philatelist". The directors felt it improper to try to continue without being able to produce a regular publication. They hope subsequently either to reactivate the Federation, or to organize a new group devoted to the philately of Latin America, Mr. Sellers concluded.

airmail or registered mail rates, collectors must include in their remittances sufficient money to pay the Department's cover service fee amounting to 5c for each forwarded for service.

The Postmaster, Ottawa, can not guarantee to supply plate blocks of four which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle first day covers.

The postage rate on first-class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first-class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is 20c additional. To avoid having covers spoiled by postage due markings sufficient postage must be prepaid on each.

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380	.25	960-5	.20	1172-82	.55	1411-4	.30	1666-71	.35	1951-5	.32		
469	.10	966-7	.09	1183-8	.45	1415-9	.52	1672-3	.24	1961-2	.16		
489-02	1.65	971-3	.35	1189-92	.32	1425-6	.14	1674-5	.28	1963-7	.28		
504-10	.70	980-2	.18	1197-9	.18	1435-7	.24	1735	.10	1968-73	.26		
514-6	.25	983	.07	1205-8	.18	1443-4	.20	1739-43	.45	1987-9	.21		
583-8	.28	986A-C	.20	1209-11	.20	1460-1	.18	1747	.08	1991	.05		
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610	.07	989-91	.15	1224-6	.25	1469-71	.26	1759-60	.20	2018-20	.24		
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627-8	.38	1002-6	.35	1234-6	.22	1474-6	.25	1765-7	.40	2030-1	.15		
636-9	.22	1007-8	.10	1246-7	.35	1488-90	.34	1768-9	.25	2032-5	.28		
640-2	.45	1009-10	.12	1250-3	.20	1491-6	.70	1770-85	.90	2036-8	.20		
698-05	1.10	1011-2	.08	1253A-7	.38	1497-9	.24	1786-7	.25	2048-50	.24		
714-5	.22	1013-4	.08	1258-9	.20	1504-7	.35	1792-3	.26	2051-2	.10		
718-20	.35	1015-8	.20	1260	.07	1526	.18	1794-6	.35	2053-5	.28		
760-2	.32	1026-8	.14	1268-71	.36	1527-8	.20	1797-8	.27	2056-8	.28		
763-6	.30	1047-8	.08	1289-01	.18	1537-8	.20	1799-01	.28	2061-3	.21		
767-71	.45	1052-5	.12	1304-5	.18	1558-8	.32	1802-4	.28	2064-5	.17		
772-5	.60	1057-8	.10	1307-9	.20	1563-5	.28	1805-7	.45	2066-7	.14		
776-9	.20	1059-66	.35	1310-7	.45	1568-7	.24	1808-20	1.50	2068-71	.20		
784-5	.80	1075-9	.15	1320-2	.28	1568-83	.85	1821-2	.16	2072-3	.16		
789-93	.60	1080-2	.16	1323-4	.20	1584-5	.15	1823-4	.15	2074-6	.21		
836-7	.10	1085-6	.12	1326-7	.30	1590-3	.52	1840-7	.25	2077-80	.26		
838-40	.30	1087-8	.10	1328-9	.18	1594-5	.26	1858-9	.35	2081-2	.17		
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927-30	.75	1125	.06	1390-1	.18	1637-8	.16	1930-2	.18	C80-1	.06		
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MYSTERY

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stamps were those used on the flight of June 16, 1928 and a special executive decree was made to give full postal value to the Ecuadorian stamps of the "Guayaquil Centennial" (Scott Nos. 223 to 232) of 1c to 10c, overprinted with a small black airplane and the word Ecuador in black letters. These stamps had postal value only for that flight of the seaplane "Atlantic 29".

Some 300 envelopes, 27 news papers and 21 registered letters were transported to Colombia in that experimental flight. Only Ecuadorian overprinted stamps were used, because the contract for the SCADTA to start its own mail system did not come into effect until after the subscription of the contract on June 28, 1928. Thus the first flight was effected under full Ecuadorian National Post Office authority and payment was made in full at the Guayaquil Post Office using the overprinted stamps, made valid by the executive decree of June 1, 1928!

The SCADTA company started charging for the airmails, but without using any stamps in the first flights. Only a small postmark with date and "Guayaquil Paid" on it, in violet ink was employed.

In the first days of August 1928, there arrived in Guayaquil H. von Kuenigl, German postal expert, brought by SCADTA to organize its postal service. He brought with him stamps of the Colombian SCADTA issue, designed by Prof. Richard Klein of Munich, printed at the German Government Printing Works at Berlin, perf 14 x 14 1/2, with the German "crosses and circles" watermark, in sheets off 100 stamps, in panels of 25 stamps each.

The Ecuadorian firm of Artes Graficas Senefelder S.A. of Wilfredo Moreno was found to be the only one to do the overprint in accordance with the very exact orders of the German postal supervisor Mr. von Kuenigl. The reason this contract was given to an Ecuadorian firm was that Mr. Moreno had studied lithography and printing techniques in Germany and had the best German printing equipment in Ecuador at the time.

The SCADTA subscribed a contract in front of a notary public giving the printing firm the exact numbers of the stamps to be overprinted with the word Ecuador on top and the values in numbers and the letters CTS to represent centavos, and on a 45 degree angle the word Provisional going up from the left to the right corner.

The distance between the two lower numbers was to be of 17mm, the width of the ciphers 1mm and the length 5mm. The overprint was to be made with red ink.

Of the 2500 stamps of 10 Colombian cents, green colored, given by the company to be overprinted, three sheets were run by the printers before Mr. von Kuenigl realized that the letters CTS in the middle were unnecessary because in the same place was the word centavos, so the whole overprint was remade and the "CTS" removed. Then the rest of the sheets of 100 stamps each were run and the whole issue was duly returned, overprinted and accounted for, by the German Postal supervisor. All the stamps were turned over to the SCADTA postal administration.

Mr. von Kuenigl with good German efficiency separated the wrong overprint from the normal stamps, but situations that arose made his precaution futile. The German postal expert took ten stamps from the wrongly overprinted sheets and sent them to Bogota to the company's head office in order to learn whether the issue should be used or destroyed.

The Ecuadorian employees using the stamps were new and for them all the stamps were just plain stamps! The SCADTA Postal Administration opened its doors on August 27, 1928 to receive incoming mail and although there was a sufficient supply of other stamps, there were not enough of the lower rate 50 centavos on hand.

It so happened that Mr. von Kuenigl had set aside the sheets with the error, but had left them beside the higher valued stamps, so as

the 50c normal stamps gave out, the Ecuadorian postal employee took the error sheets and started using them on the envelopes and postmarking them. An enterprising philatelist, F. E. Parraga, realizing that there was an error after having a letter duly postmarked, addressed 88 envelopes to friends in Colombia and had the employee postmark them and send them for him.

In the evening of August 28, 1928 after asking for the sheets that he had taken aside, Mr. von Kuenigl realized that the 290 error stamps had ALL been postmarked and used in the mail outgoing to Colombia. The only NEW stamps were the ten he had sent to Bogota to the company's headquarters to see whether they could be used or not! The destiny of these ten mint copies is unknown!

The Ecuadorian employee was duly fired and Mr. von Kuenigl called on Mr. Parraga and asked him to take off the stamps and to use normal stamps instead of the error. To this Mr. Parraga said that he had paid his money and that his mail had to be sent as paid by him, whether the stamps used were an error or not.

So the whole 290 stamps flew in the seaplane "Boyaca" carrying 207 letters to Buenaventura (Colombia) and 143 to Barranquilla (Colombia); 88 flew with the error "50 CTS 50" to Barranquilla and 202 envelopes with the error to Buenaventura. The only surviving envelopes were the ones that were returned to Mr. Parraga, of which some were kept intact. Others were soaked off for mounting in collections!

In 1929 many of these stamps were bought from Mr. Parraga at a very good price by a local enterprising philatelic firm. Then came a split in the partnership and the senior partner retained a large lot of the envelopes that were kept in his safe.

One day many years later he took the envelopes out of the safe and saw that they were moldy. Knowing nothing of philatelics or of the value of the stamped envelopes, he soaked the whole set of envelopes in water. He put the stamps in glassine envelopes and sold some without the original envelopes. Others were left as a curiosity to his family.

On his death the stamps were sold at very low prices to local collectors and thus disappeared — absorbed into collections located within the territory of Ecuador — all of the known pieces of the famous rarity, the "CTS", as it is known in Ecuadorian philatelic lore.

The "75 CTS 75" never existed. It was a forgery made in Colombia many years after the SCADTA left Ecuador in 1930 and should not be catalogued because it is worthless. The only remaining "50 CTS 50" are eighty-eight in number. The rest of the issue was lost.

Some enterprising crooks tried to make a forgery, but it can be actually picked out by the ciphers being 18mm apart and each number is 1/2mm in width and 4 1/2mm length, and the red is of a different tone from the original. The letters are thinner than the original. Then the forgery has been postmarked in black while the actual postmark used on August 28, 1928 was violet, with a double circle and the words "Servicio de Transportes aereos" a part of which can be seen in the postmarked stamps.

There are only 10 mint stamps of this error, the one's sent to Bogota for consultation. The rest of the issue was all used and has the postmark of August 28, 1928 and the envelopes have the steel reception postmark of SCADTA from Barranquilla of August 30, 1928.

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Some Notes On

Luxembourg Counts Bohemian Kings King-Emperors Of Germany

F. L. Welter

(Continued from last week)

The Luxembourger has crowned John the Blind with the halo of "National Hero". Bravery above question and magnificence beyond compare, joined to combative and diplomatic activities without their equal are some attributes which John fully deserves. He was a princely product of his age, a model of contemporary chivalry and folklore recalling the splendor, has overlooked the squalid.

As a mere youth of fourteen, he had been made the Count of Luxembourg by his father, now King of Germany for two years. Three years later John became embroiled in the German civil war. He won the battle that ended the Austrian - Bavarian dispute over his late father's royal crown. Without respite of peace came war with Metz, it in turn followed by another with Flanders.



In almost unbroken sequence, three separate years' long campaigns were waged in Lithuania and, in 1337, John lost the sight of his left eye in those swampy regions. Three or four years later the other eye was also lost.

In between, he arranged the marriage of his second son, John aged 10, with the Tyrol Princess, Margaret "The Maultasch" who was 13, expecting to control the duchies of Tyrol and Carinthia, but the children's marriage was soon dissolved. (John's best hated enemy, the Bavarian Wittelsbacher, later wed the then grown - up Margaret and gained the Tyrol lands for his son).

Three years were spent in northern Italy. His astounding gains, mostly won by his renown or by promises which John could not possibly fulfill, crumbled away as swiftly again. He rushed to the aid of France when completely blind and gave his life, most heroically and even more senselessly, at the battle of Crecy in August, 1346.



When the male line of the ancient Přemyslid family ended, Bohemia offered the hand of Elizabeth, their late King's youngest sister, along with the royal crown to John of Luxembourg. Marriage and crowning both took place at Spire (Speyer) in the Palatinate, in September 1310 and in a matter of months, John had come to rule over two widely separated countries. Prague did not agree with the nobility's choice, but Peter of Aspelt's persuasion pacified the townspeople.

Elizabeth soon began to quarrel with her husband, the nobles siding with her. John tried vainly to end their intransigence, but had to disband his German mercenaries and also agree to engage only native officials. He turned the country's government over to the nobility and began to live mostly outside his kingdom, following his much preferred career of knight - errantry. He extended Bohemian suzerainty over all Silesia and most of Lusatia, a vast, marshy land between the Elbe and Oder Rivers. His conquests raised Bohemia's status to that of a major power.

During his 36 years of rule, John's visits to his native land were mostly made when pressed for money. Still he accomplished much for Luxembourg. He continued to grant franchises to towns; founded the trade promoting annual fair "schobermess" in 1340 (it repeats itself every year to this day); increased the number of his vassals; augmented the country's domain by many peaceably gained additions. He started building the huge enclosure of towers and walls. Their ruins, a picturesque and eloquent sight, are nowadays one of the city's main tourist attractions.

The enormous costs of his campaigns, the magnificent courts with which he surrounded himself when

visiting Kings of Paris or Popes at Avignon, his irresponsible pledges for his son John's marriage, the bribes incurred a few years later for his son Charles' election as German King, all that required fabulous sums.

John's regal manner of borrowing is illustrated by his transactions with his private banker, Arnold of Arlon, who had been given the right of coinage as well as the revenues of entire counties and did not have to render an accounting. The Trier archbishop, the Liege bishop, the Count of Hainaut, all held mortgages on rich sections. Yes, the country's financial situation was distressing in 1346, when John spoke: "It shall not be said that John of Luxembourg turned his back to an enemy" - and met a hero's death.

Even then rest did not come. His remains were bundled off from one grave to another, barely escaped desecration by the French Sans-Culottes, were displayed in a Saar hardware store and came to their final resting place in the Luxembourg Cathedral just about 20 years ago now, 600 years after his death.

The English long bow had proved itself superior to the Genoese crossbow at Crecy. An irresistible rain of arrows turned the Luxembourgers cavalry charge into a gory melee. John died. His son Charles, newly elected King of Germany, decided to "live and fight another day".

Charles IV belongs to a new generation, that of statesmen. Educated in France, he became a remarkable linguist, an ambitious, calculating and acquisitive diplomat. He began by usurping the Luxembourg administration, although his father had explicitly deeded that land to Wenceslas, the only child from his second marriage to Beatrice of Bourbon.

Instead of trying to improve the country's lamentable finances, Charles aggravated the burden by more borrowings to be spent at Prague. These new debts, worsened by the bubonic plague which had reached the Moselle from rat-infested English river boats, and killed a third of the already decimated population, now reduced Luxembourg to near unbearable poverty. Seven years of mal-administration went on ere Wenceslas was given back his crown. The King graciously elevated his half brother to Duke of Luxembourg, which cost him nothing.

As German King, Charles also acted one - sidedly. The Luxembourgers had become an influential family. At Prague they ruled from the Carpathian mountains to the North Sea. The Hungarian crown was won by a son's marriage and so the King's thoughts and plans, if concerned with the Holy Roman Empire, centered much more on the growth of Bohemia with Prague as an European metropolis. Obviously he had no time left for the ancestral home. He did go to Rome for the imperial crowning, coming and leaving on the same day, although he took his time returning. There were still rich Lombardians willing to part with cash for franchise or charter promises.

Charles did accomplish a great deal. He brought order to electoral procedures within the Empire with his "Golden Bull" of 1356. It remained constitutional law in Germany until 1806, when Napoleon abolished it along with the Holy Roman Empire. In Bohemia, Charles ended the remaining vestiges of feudal lords' power, crushed brigandage without mercy, encouraged commerce and industry, the trades and the arts. He introduced viticulture, brought artists and scientists to Prague.

He founded Prague University, soon to become an internationally famous seat of learning. He rebuilt much of that town, erected fine castles, cathedrals, monasteries. Most importantly for his own dynasty and equally so for the unity of Bohemia, he regulated royal succession.

Still Czech nationalism arose in the end against a man who had labored devotedly for their welfare. The people's indignation over the constant influx of Germans and their rancor over his unceasing demands for more and more money, added to the unrest of renaissance religious fervor when two preachers dared pronounce new, strange beliefs. All this combined against

Charles and his rule became unpopular, if not precarious.

Still contemporary historians speak of him as the "Father of Bohemia". German opinion later added: "Stepfather of Germany". Luxembourg's verdict came last: "Arch-steppfather of Luxembourg".

The Luxembourger's influence at this time extended over much of Europe. Charles IV had four wives, the first and third dying childless. One of two daughters by the second marriage became Queen of Hungary, the other Duchess of Austria. His fourth wife bore him three sons, one to follow him to the imperial throne, the second to gain the royal crown of Hungary first, and later the succession of the Empire. The third son was made Count of Goerlitz. Charles' last born daughter married Richard II of England. Bohemia had become a first rate power when Charles died in 1378.

Wenceslas I, John the Blind's only son of his second marriage to Beatrice of Bourbon, did not become either King or Emperor. He was sixteen when he came to the rule of Luxembourg. Called "The Good Wences" by his people, we should not confound him with a 10th century Bohemian, the real king of Christmas-carol fame.



His reign at last brought peace and prosperity to the land. His first concern was to discharge the mortgages incurred by his father and brother. His wife had inherited two rich duchies, Brabant and Limbourg and their revenues, with assistance from his own nobles and the free towns, enabled him to liquidate the heavy debts. New lands, especially Chiny, came to the realm. More vassals, including the powerful Vianden-Nassau counts swore fealty and Luxembourg now reached its greatest territorial expansion.

Wenceslas could not avoid conflict altogether, but he reached many peaceable settlements, now with the intervention of the Pope or that of France's Queen and again with the help of others. He put the last robber-barons out of business, called the Three Estates Council, (nobility, clergy and citizens) into active consultation, encouraged external trade, authorized the formation of artisans guilds and generally, his rule was a blessing to his country.

The good Duke never enjoyed robust health. His careful testament left Luxembourg to his nephew Wenceslas II while the Brabant domains reverted to the Burgundian heirs.

He died in 1383, the last genuine Luxembourg Count.

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Joseph V. Bush, 143 Garrett Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. has an unusual offer to collectors of Trieste, AMG and Ryukyu stamps. This is a special gift certificate of \$5 or more as a reward to any collector who exhibits his material on the Bush specialized album pages. A note to him at the above address will bring full details of this new proposition.

Alex Jason, 754 Lyon St. N. E., Grand Rapids 3, Mich. recently expanded his service to include mint new issues of the British Empire. His list No. 102, mint and used Queens and also British America used George VI and QEII, is free on request. He will soon have the Stanley Gibbons (London) 50-page supplement to the New Age QEII Album.

"We deal exclusively in foreign used airmail on and off cover, no U.S. or UN, no postage of any kind and no mint airmail", explains George Herzog, 68 Nassau St., New York 38, in offering his 1959 price list of used airmail of the world. The 64-page 3 1/2 x 6 printed booklet presents many such offers; it is 75c deductible from first order of \$3 or more.

William Laubscher, "The Mixture Man" of Box 383, Painesville, Ohio has a special offer under "Mixtures" in the classified section. For the collector who keeps one eye on his pennies and the other on vacant spots in his album, Mr. Laubscher offers some very nice looking slightly defective high value and high catalog stamps at especially attractive discounts.

A note from Minkus Publications, Inc., 115 W. 30th St., New York 1, N.Y. states that the recently reported Abyssinian 25c stamp with inverted "Victory" overprint has long been listed in their "New Wide World Catalog". The second variety, the 10c, is included in the firm's 1959 edition, thus making the entire set now listed therein with overprint inverted.

While almost all collectors declaim lustily about their purely "hobby" interest in philately, it is a fact that many of them think also of investment appreciation, according to LAVA, 854 Intervale Ave., New York 59, N.Y. With this in mind, the firm offers a special proposition for the investment-minded collector, free in return for a 4c stamped, addressed envelope.

An interesting line of albums, mint sheet booklets, cover albums, flip-file albums, extra trays, ring binders, and such accessories as blank leaves, sheet protectors and protective envelopes is offered in the new VPD catalog. No. PH-59, it is available from Dorn Good Stamps, Box 2255, Greensboro, N.C. It features transparent plastic in many philatelic forms.

The collector who likes—and is befuddled by—the myriad of set-tenant and tete-beche pairs and combinations of the stamps of Germany, will find the Dorfman catalog of these items just the aid he needs to straighten them out. It illustrates, lists, describes and prices them from the 1910 beginning to date. The price is 50c, from Lucky Stamp Co., Box 9/B, Cossayuna, N.Y.

Gerson's Stamp Store is now preparing its first 1959 edition of the popular "Gerson's This 'n' That Bulletin". Mr. Gerson confides that he has made up some extra special offers for this issue, and suggests that collectors who really know bargains when they see them should send 8c for a copy. The firm's address is 373 SW Morrison St., Portland 4, Ore.

Hans P. Nielson, proprietor of Nielson's Stamp Store, 8710 4th Ave., Brooklyn 9, N. Y. reports really too much success from his December 15 offer of Afghanistan stamps. His stock is sold out, and he has been unable to replenish it at prices as low as he was quoting. Any orders he can not fill will be handled to customers' satisfaction, he states.

A wholesale house which specializes in used U. S. airmails and commems is Cambria Stamps, 115-

30 209th St., Cambria Heights 11, N. Y. The firm has just issued its 1959 wholesale price list in this field which is available to dealers for 25c, deductible from the first order. Material is offered from the Columbians to date in lots of per 3, per 10 and per 1000.

Classified advertiser R. Lusardi of Woodbury Rd., Woodbury, L. I., N. Y. is now offering a particularly attractive approval service for the United Arab Republic (UAR), Brussels Fair, IGY, British Colonies, and certain other popular areas. He also offers to fill want lists in these countries for collectors submitting same along with suitable references.

Francis T. Napier, 144 Bowden Dr., Auburn, Ala. reports that a \$10 price error in his January 5 ad listing the Lebanon C221-22 UN souvenir sheet has flooded him with orders he can not, obviously, fill. The correct figure should be \$14.95 instead of the palpably too low one mentioned. Collectors of this material are asked to correct the price accordingly.

Free on request is the latest edition of E. J. Chamberlin's price list No. 11 of Australian stamps. It is based on the new, 1959 Scott's Catalogue, with many new numbers as listed therein. He quotes both mint and used at "average fine" condition, with very fine at slight premiums. The list offers some 375 numbers. Mr. Chamberlin's address is Box 906, Galveston, Texas.

Postmark and Christmas specialty collectors who missed getting the Santa Claus, Ind. postmark last Christmas will welcome the news that the Lincoln Exchange Club, Box 211, Chatham, N. J. has a few covers left from its Christmas mailing of December 25 from that holiday post office.

The firm is offering the two-color cacheted covers in the U. S. FDC classified columns.

LUXEMBOURG

(Continued from page 22)

ed the Luxembourg succession, he had already buried that poor country under mountainous new debts, had undone all his late uncle's fine work. Trouble and dissension followed inevitably. He mortgaged the country to his Moravian cousin John who passed it on to the Burgundians, they to the Orleans family and from them the mortgage fell to the grasping hands of a conscienceless woman, Elizabeth of Goerlitz.



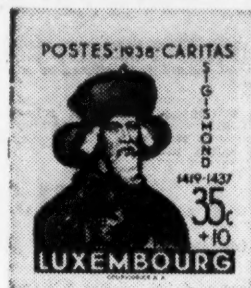
Wenceslas had promised her a dowry of 120,000 Rhenish guilders. Of course he couldn't pay and that is how the country was milked most thoroughly. The nobles revolted against the double overlordship; the people were poverty stricken from excessive taxation; civil war laid the country waste; until finally after almost 50 years of maltreatment, foreign annexation seemed the only solution.

Nevertheless Luxembourg remembers him with some affection, if not respect. He completed the second ring of walls and towers which his grandfather, John the Blind, had begun.

In the Empire even as in Bohemia, religious disorders presaged difficult times with which an indolent drunkard could not cope. Wenceslas' actions were few and irresolute, his intervention in ecclesiastical affairs plainly unfortunate. A quarrel with the Prague Archbishop led to the murder of John Nepomuk, the vicar-general of the cathedral (1393). Folklore has it that he refused to divulge confessional secrets, that the King had him sewn into an ox-skin and thrown into the Moldau River. (St. John of Nepomuk is now the national saint of the Bohemians). Anti-Husite persecutions brought on open revolution. The Prague people threw their councilors through the windows of the townhall and the King, dismissed nine years earlier from the German throne, died in a fit of apopleptic rage in 1419. Sigismund's succession meant no improvement of Luxembourg.

He never came to Luxembourg at all. Unable to pay off the Goerlitz woman, the impossible two-fold government with double or treble taxation kept on, until even Elizabeth found herself unable to further mulct the hostile people. With Sigismund still the nominal ruler, she started negotiations with the Burgundians (who took over in

1437), but the pitiful confusion, anarchy and civil war continued.



Sigismund had been quite acceptable to the College of Electors and was duly crowned as German King in 1420. We picture him as a stalwart knight, cultured, dignified and valiant. He had made good his accession to the Hungarian throne. Still the Czechs had chosen a counter King and seven years of internecine war raged through Bohemia ere he could restore order.

Not owning any territorial possessions, Sigismund was just not rich enough to carry out most of his many enterprises. Unfortunately, this perhaps in the largest possible sense, he had ceded his patrimony of Brandenburg as a pre-election pledge to Frederick of Hohenzollern thereby laying the cornerstone of the eventual power of that unlamented dynasty.

The calamitous church conditions, the Great Schism, had brought about the Council of Constance, which sat for 6 years. A Bohemian preacher Hus had adopted the teachings of England's Wyclif and was now spreading these new thoughts throughout the country. Sigismund granted safe conduct to Hus for his appearance before the Constance Council, but broke his imperial pledge under its pressure. Hus and soon thereafter Jerome, were burned at the stake as heretics.

The Prague citizens would not allow their king to re-enter his capital until he had solemnly agreed to stop all future religious persecution. The Council at Constance eventually settled their problems, but Sigismund died in 1437 leaving the Empire in a perilous condition of turmoil and unrest.

His death ended the masculine line of the House of Luxembourg.

AFTERTHOUGHT

Luxembourg reverted to the Burgundians in 1437. Remaining an integral duchy while in their possession, or later in that of Spain, of Austria or the Netherlands, these rulers simply added the Luxembourg title to their other dignities. In reality however the little country had lost all semblance of independence, was ruled by foreign powers and subjected to their laws and designs for 475 years.

Not at Vienna in 1815, nor at the separation of Belgium from Holland in 1839, not even after the 1867 London Congress did Luxembourg reach a status of absolute freedom. Only in 1891, with the advent of Adolphe de Nassau as their own Grand Duke did the country achieve full and autonomous rule.

The unsolvable puzzle: How did this diminutive nation survive as such? How did the handful of people maintain the indomitable will to remain Luxembourgers?

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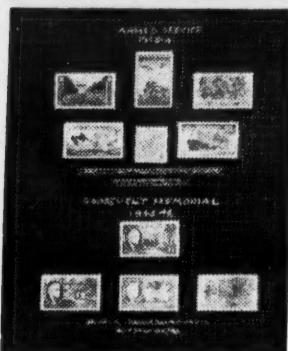
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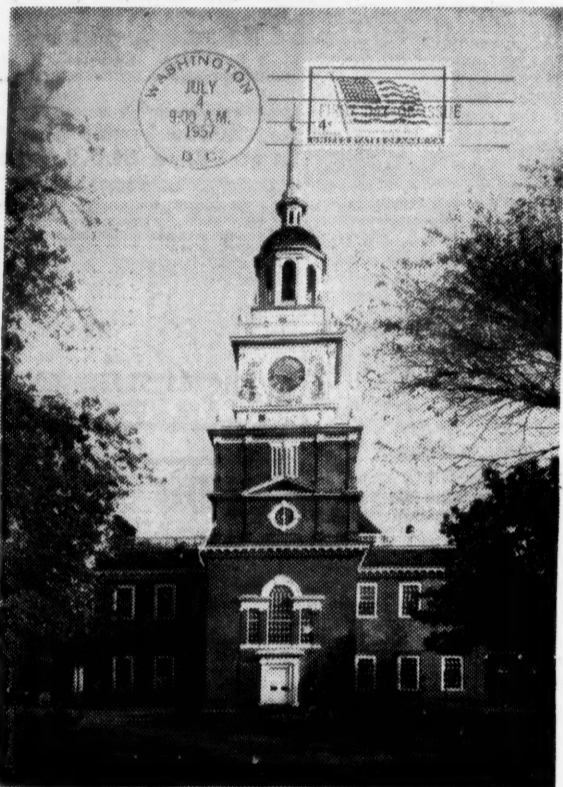
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commems, etc. There is only one word in the dictionary for all stamps other than the regular issues—**SUPERFLUOUS!**

The most recent list of the U. S. Government Printing Office, of publications for sale, has a number of items of interest to those in philately. Those offered include the following—

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man, Wembley, Australia; A. J. Nibbs, Hamilton, Canada.

In the December 29 edition mention was made here of stamps which were cancelled weeks and months before they had their releases. Herman Herst Jr. of Shrub Oak, N.Y. has submitted a commment tied to cover with a cancellation that was two years ahead of the actual release date.

It is a Land Grant Colleges which made its debut February 12, 1955. The early cancel, a machine type, is from Ashville, Ala. dated April 26, 1953. That was at least a year before the stamp was ever thought about!

As Mr. Herst points out, some of these pre-first day postmarks are the result of out and out carelessness on the part of some post office clerk.

1. Fort Dearborn on the 1c Century of Progress.

2. The National Guard Stamp issued in 1953.

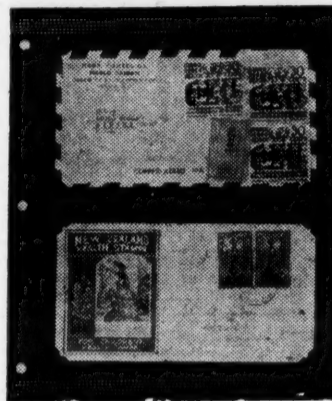
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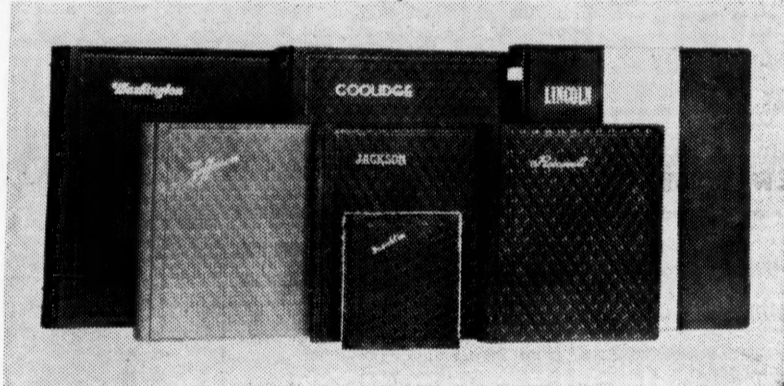
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New British Watermark Changes

The following British definitives have been printed on the new "Crown" watermark paper and were being distributed at the beginning of December: ½d, 4d, 5d, 7d, 10d, and 1/-.

Irish Constitution Colors

Colors announced for the reissue of the 1937 Irish Constitution stamps in new values (for the Constitution's 21st anniversary) are 3d rembrandt brown and 5d green. Issue date was December 29.

Pakistan Human Rights Delayed

Owing to technical difficulties, supplies of the Pakistan Human Rights stamps were not available from London stocks on the anticipated issue date, December 10.

Ghana Definitives Postponed

Issue date for the Ghana definitives of 15 values, anticipated for March 1, has been delayed to April 1.

Human Rights Issue From Ceylon

Enschede and Sons (Holland) are named as printers in photogravure of the 10c and 85c Human Rights stamps released by Ceylon on December 31. The design is not announced, but the colors are brown and green respectively. They are printed on unwatermarked paper, format 24 x 38mm.

Fiji Withdrawal

The 10/- Fiji definitive stamp was withdrawn from sale on December 31.

Nigeria Postage Dues

The Nigeria postage due values 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, and 1/- were January 5.

Gambia Royal Visit Competition

Prizes of 100, 50, and two of 25 Pounds were offered for designs for four stamps to mark the Royal Visit to the Gambia in October. Closing date was December 20. The designs must include a portrait of the Queen and St. Edwards Crown, plus a vignette.

Belgian Issue For Human Rights

December 10 saw the release of a 2.50 francs engraved stamp, printed in blue, for Human Rights Day. It shows two arms holding a baby in front of the UNO arms. The design by E. Meert was engraved by H. de Cuyper. It remains on sale until January 31.

The following stamps have been prepared for the Belgian Railways, in the definitive designs with white monogram "B" in oval: 30c (Lion type), 2.50fr. 3fr. and 6fr. (King Baudouin type).

Changed color—the 2fr. definitive has been reprinted in bronze green instead of red; the old stamp remains good for postage.

Bulgaria Sports Series

Recently issued by Bulgaria were five sports stamps for the Balkan Games, printed in photogravure on papers toned in the same color as the stamp design: 16st., girl runner, red brown; 44st. olive, girl javelin thrower; 60st., blue, high jump; 80st. yellow green, hurdling, and 4 Leva, magenta, putting the shot.

Sputnik issue—An 80st. turquoise blue airmail stamp was released in November for International Geophysical Year, showing Sputnik III above the USSR and Northern Europe.

Poet honored—For the poet Smirnovski (born 1898) a red brown 16st. commem stamp was released on his 60th birthday showing his portrait and a quotation from his works.

Two East Germany Pairs

On December 2 East Germany released a pair to mark art treasures returned from the USSR; 10pf. green and black, head of a Greek girl from a gravestone (5th century B.C.); 20pf. black and red, head of a giant from the altar of the temple at Pergamon, reconstructed in Berlin. Designs are by Prof. K. Wittkugel; offsetprinted by the Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei. The 10pf. is a limited issue.

Human Rights—On December 10 two stamps were released for Human Rights Day, printed as above, long horizontal format: 10pf. green and black male European and Negro; 25pf. blue and black, (blocked) Chinese and European girls.

French Program For 1959

The 1959 program announced from Paris comprises the following issues: Definitives—Arms of Algier (letterpress); Views of Reunion, the Via-



TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RED CROSS the Netherlands Antilles issued a set of four semipostals which had their day of issue on December 1. A common design has the Red Cross flag superimposed on a map of the islands which make up this outpost of the Dutch Government. Each denomination has the cross in red; other colors and values are: 6c + 2c brown; 7½c + 2½c green; 15c + 5c orange yellow; 22½c + 7½c blue. The cover was submitted by M. R. Holly of Aruba, Netherlands Antilles.

duct of Chaumont, Laon cathedral, Fougères Castle, Clemenceau Mosque, Sioule Valley, Kerrata Gorge; values not yet determined. 100fr. airmail: M/S 760 "Paris" aeroplane.

Commemoratives—Paris flower Show; Blood Donors; 151 st. anniversary of the creation of the Academic "Palme" award; death centenary of Marceline Desbordes-Valmore, authoress; birth centenary of Jean-Jaures, political; birth centenary of Henri Bergson, philosopher.

Also stamps honoring Charles de Foucauld, explorer and test pilots Goujon and Rozanoff; two values for the 300th anniversary of the Treaty of the Pyrenees, symbolizing the reunion of the provinces of Flanders and Artois, and of Roussillon respectively; two values for Europa 1959.

Finally a third set for heroes of the resistance, bringing portraits of Yvonne L. Roux, the "five martyrs of the Buffon High School", Louis-Martin Bret, Mederic, and Gaston Moutardier; French technical works; works at Hassi-Messaoud (Sahara), factory at Marcoul, dam at Fom-el, Gherza (Algeria), and Palace of Industries at the Rond-Point.

Charity stamps—Stamp Day 1959, night postal service; Famous Frenchmen—Geoffroi de Villeharron, chronicler; Andre Le Notre, gardener to Louis XIV; Jean Le Rond d'Alembert, mathematician; Xavier Bichat, anatomist; Pierre-Jean David d'Angers, sculptor; Auguste Bartholdi, sculptor; Christmas (Red Cross) Abbott of L'Epee, educator of the deaf and dumb; Valentin Haüy teacher of the blind.

Poland Honors Artists

The two stamps announced several months ago to painter Stanislaw Wyspianski (60gr. violet) and musician Stanislaw Moniuszko 22.50-Zl. green), were released November 25. They are recess printed from designs by J. Konczak, engraved by R. Brandt (60gr.) and E. Tirdiszek (2.50Zl.).

Turkey Atatürk Pair

For the 20th anniversary of the death of Atataurk, a se-tenant pair of stamps was released by Turkey during November. Offsetprinted by Al Eddin Kiral, Istanbul the 25k. red shows the mausoleum and memorial flame; 75k. green, profile of Ataturk and sword and laurel badge.

The three value set described last issue marked the 35th anniversary of the Turkish Republic (not the Turkish Army). Three million level sets were printed.

French Overseas Program

The following new issues have been announced for French overseas territories:

Cameroons—New definitives are expected in 1959: 20fr. orange, blue and green, loading bananas on board ship; 25fr. dark green, blue black and violet, bananas growing. The 20fr. Human Rights Stamp released December 11 shows peoples of various races raising their hands to the sun. Printed in brown and blood red.

West Africa—The Human Rights commem, 20fr. purple and blue, shows the UNO badge and a bird winging towards the sun.

Comoros—The 20fr. Human Rights stamp is printed in green and blue.

Somali Coast—The 20fr. Human Rights is printed in lilac and blue.

Madagascar Republic—The 10fr. Human Rights item is printed in brown and blue.

New Caledonia—The 7fr. Human Rights adhesive is printed in violet and blue. Thirteen service stamps are expected in 1959, the first six to appear in January.

St. Pierre & Miquelon—The 20fr. Human Rights is printed in Havana brown and blue.

Wallis and Futuna—The 17fr. Human Rights issue is printed in Prussian blue and steel blue.

Togo Leaves French Union

The Human Rights stamp for the

new republic of Togo, printed in green and red, in a special design also engraved by Robert Cami, shows the UNO badge with a bird flying towards the sun, and a forest of flags.

The new definitive set has been postponed to January 15, and only sales inside France will be handled by the French Colonial Agency.

Tunisia New Currency

The new Tunisian currency is the Dinar, divided into 1000 milliemes (equal to 1000 francs). The first stamp in this currency is a 20m. value for Female Emancipation.

Honduras Lincoln Set

On February 12 an airmail set for the 150th birthday of Abraham Lincoln will be released by Honduras: 1c portrait, 2c log cabin where Lincoln was born, 3c Gettysburg Address, 5c liberation of slaves, 10c murder of Lincoln, 12c Lincoln Memorial in Washington, 15c as 1c, 25c as 2c, 50c as 3c, 1L. as 5c, 2L. as 10c and 5L. as 12c.

Cuba UNESCO Pair

Two airmails were issued November 3 for the opening of the UNESCO building: 12c, olive (150,000) view of the UNESCO building; 30c, slate (50,000), UNESCO Emblem.

Christmas Flowers

December 16 saw a multicolor pair for Christmas 1958: 2c orchid Catalpa Lindenii (2m.) and Oncidium Guibertianum orchid (3m.). Both sets are recess printed by Hernandez in Havana.

Libya Pictorials

A set of views of Tripolitania and Cyrenaica is in preparation to replace the current Arms type of definitives.

Brazil Leprosy Single

The small Brazilian tax stamp in the "Padre Bento" design has been reissued as a 10c green. It is a compulsory tax label to aid anti-leprosy work.

New Uruguay Air Mail

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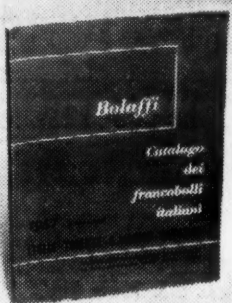
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Collectors are admonished to note that the Arabic date as it appears, "1909", is not an error — in that language the numeral "5" is written "O", while the zero is written as a dot, or period. This is clearly illustrated in the UAR Day of Post stamp elsewhere in this issue. The 15c is in the new dark blue green shade.



The Aden overprints are in sheets of 100 and combine the cents and shilling monetary units at the rate of 100c to 1/-, according to the Crown Agents Representative, Washington 6, D. C. The new emission is based upon recent political changes in the area.

On November 18, 1958, the Aden Colony Legislative Council then existing was dissolved. The following day the Governor, Sir William Luce issued writs of election for the five electoral divisions into which the Colony had been divided and fixed December 11 as the date upon which nominations of candidates for the forthcoming general election would be received.

The general election of January 4 named twelve persons to sit as members of the new legislative council representing the five electoral divisions.

The new legislative council consists of the twelve elected members, five ex-officio members (consisting of a senior officer on the staff of the commander, the chief secretary, the attorney general, the financial secretary and one other government official) and six nominated members who will be appointed by the governor. It is proposed that the life of the new legislative council shall be four years.

The elected members will have a majority of one in the new legislative council. The governor, who presided and voted in the old legislative council, will not be a member of the new council. He intends to appoint A.E.S. Charles (presently chairman of the Adenization committee) to be speaker. The speaker will not be a member of the council and will not have a vote.

The present executive council consists of three ex-officio members and three nominated members. It is proposed that five unofficial members (at least three of whom shall be elected members) will be appointed by the governor to be in charge of certain departments.

These five persons will be called members in charge and they will be appointed members of the governor's executive council. They will hold office during Her Majes-

ty's pleasure, and subject to this, to a maximum period of four years.

The function of the executive council is to advise the governor and to formulate government policy. It is presided over by the governor and will consist of the five members in charge and the five ex-officio members of the legislative council.

The governor will in general be obliged to consult executive council when policy is being formulated, but will retain for himself the common form reserve and legislative powers which are appropriate to the constitutional status of the colony.

It is proposed that the grouping and allocation of departments under members in charge will be decided by the governor, who, acting in this direction, will assign to individual members in charge responsibility for such matters as he may prescribe. He may revoke or vary any directions given to a member in charge.

It is probable that responsibility for the following groups of services will be allocated to members in charge: education, public works, communications, labor and social welfare, and medical.

The opening meeting of the new legislative council will be held during January. The special stamp issue will be put on sale that day to mark the occasion and will remain on sale for three months.

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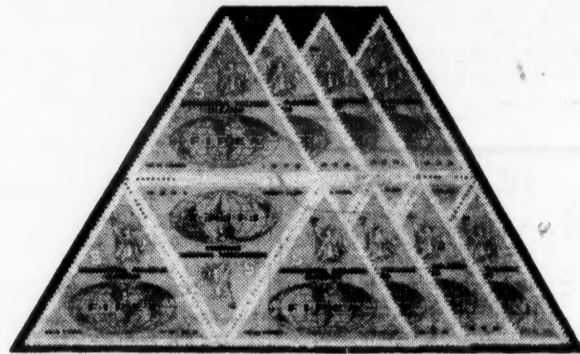
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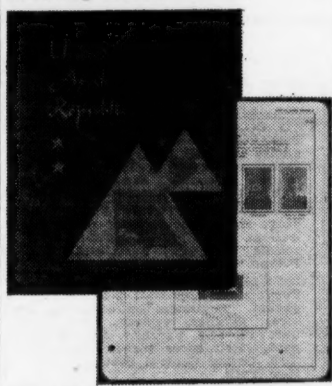
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It consists of a yellow and brown cover page, a preface page, 11 stamp pages and one blank, for a total of 14. Those for stamps are well designed with a ruled border and the country name spelled out at the upper right - hand corner of each page. All stamps are illustrated full size, with suitable caption and description for each.

The UAR pages are \$1.50 at most dealers, or \$1.50 plus 20c postage from the publisher. A supplement is planned for May.

The Supplement No. 1 for Ghana consists of six illustrated pages and one blank, for the issues of 1958. They are in the same style as the original album issued sometime ago. The price is 70c plus 15c postage, from Mr. Kobylka, 1433 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Luxembourg Native Discusses Language

L. P. Mesenbourg of St. Paul, Minn. regularly forwards his copies of Linn's to a cousin in Luxembourg, and in turn has supplied an interesting letter written by that correspondent on the subject of the country's various languages.

Commenting on a column in the November 3 issue which stated that the Luxembourgers "speak German, even though the government prefers French as the official language", Frank Mesenbourg, Rue Des Jardins No. 19, Differdange, Luxembourg, commented:

"In (the November 3 issue) I discovered a great mistake about Luxembourg . . . that we are speaking German here and that our government prefers French as the official language. That's wrong!"

"Since the 13th century Luxembourg which at the time was greater than at present and an important state in Europe used French as the official language but 'Letzeburgesch', the dialect of the country, was the language of the people as it is today. There is no Frenchman, German or Belgian who understands anything of it, although there are French, German and even English 'scraps' in this dialect."

"From 1443 till 1817 Luxembourg belonged in turn to France, Austria and Spain. We never spoke German, nor were we Germans, although we were annexed by the Nazis from 1940 till 1944. We always remained Luxembourg and always spoke Letzeburgesch."

Netherlands Group Plans For "Interpex"

Stanley Harzfeld, president of the Netherlands & Colonies Philatelists, has announced their participation in the forthcoming international stamp exhibition INTERPEX, to be held from February 27 - March 1 at the Park Sheraton in New York City.

"This will not be a competitive exhibition among our members. Rather, we are selecting outstanding pages from various collections. In this way all duplication will be avoided and an over-all picture of Dutch philately will be presented," stated Mr. Harzfeld.

The Netherlands & Colonies group is one of the outstanding philatelic study clubs, as well as one of the oldest, with several hundred members not only in the United States, but all over the world as well. Their monthly meetings held at The Collectors Club in New York every third Monday are always well attended with outstanding authorities giving interesting lectures.

The officers of the club are Stanley Harzfeld, president; John Fresco, secretary; and Johannes de Kruijff, treasurer. More information can be obtained from Mr. de Kruijff, 45 Quincy Lane, West Englewood, N.J.

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NEW AUTHORIZATIONS

For the months of September, October and November were numerous. Towns appearing on the list that have been known to be pre-cancel users must be considered as getting new devices.

Alabama — Atmore, East Tallahassee, Florida.

Alaska — Skagway.

Arizona — Benson, Eloy, Flagstaff.

Arkansas — Elkins.

California — Caliente, Desert Hot Springs, Hilmar, Joshua Tree, Monte Rio, Pinedale, San Jose, Santa Fe Springs.

Colorado — Spival.

Connecticut — Brooklyn, Hebron, Middlebury, Middletown, North Branford, Old Greenwich.

Florida — Ellenton, Gibsonton, Islamorada, Ozone.

Georgia — Augusta, Bowman.

Illinois — Belleville, Byron, Macomb, Mount Zion, Springfield.

Indiana — Fairland, Kent, Liberty, Ray, Shipshewana.

Iowa — Bradford, Readlyn, Rudolph, Tama.

Kansas — Axtell, Ft. Leavenworth, Tama.

Kentucky — Bardwell, Independence, Pembroke, Pleasure Ridge Park.

Maine — Newport.

Maryland — Cresaptown.

Massachusetts — Boylston Center, Bryantville, Holyoke.

Michigan — Buckley, Dearborn, Galesburg.

Minnesota — Darfur, Ericsburg, Luverne, Montrose, Oak Park.

Missouri — Defiance, Guilford, Humphreys, Joplin, Purdy.

New Jersey — Jobstown, Millstone, Pennsville, Sicklersville, Whiting.

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Pennsylvania — Canadensis, Es-

Israel Philatelists Auction January 28

The Society of Israel Philatelists, the world's largest organization of collectors of Israel postal material, is conducting its annual auction night, January 28 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hotel Martique, 32nd and Broadway, New York City. All collectors of Israel philatelic material are invited to attend.

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Washington — Abion, Sunnyside.

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BULLETIN BOARD

The "Keystone" bulletin of the Western Pennsylvania club mailed with 1/2c Liberties from Drums, Pa. This is a new Rubber Type. "El Boletin" of the New Mexico Precancel Club mailed from Chama, N. M. New Mexico has 71 Towns and 98 Types.

The "ESSCEEPEEE" bulletin of the Southern California club mailed with 1c Liberties from Kings Beach, Calif. This was a U-121 still a metal handstamp type. The bulletin reports 646 Towns and 1096 Types for California.

Also had a mailing recently (not a bulletin) from Stamps, Ark. This should fill a topical spot somehow.

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pose but I have not yet seen other suggestions.

Among the plans suggested by Mr. Radford at the last A.P.S. convention was a proposal that collectors have their collections microfilmed so that stamps can be identified. This is practical to a very limited extent as a very small number of collectors would ever go to the expense and trouble that would be involved.

In my opinion the suggestion that dealers in purchasing a collection or accumulation of stamps should demand a bill of sale is a far more effective plan. A thief would balk at giving a bill of sale. This alone should alert any honest dealer that something was wrong. Next, when it was determined that a certain lot of stamps that were purchased by a dealer was found to be stolen property, as in the case of the Gerber and Hinds stamps sold in Tampa, Florida in 1956, complete publicity on the matter should be given the philatelic press. The names of all concerned in the transaction should be made public. A complete picture of the check given for the stamps should be published. A charge of theft should be made and every effort made to prosecute the seller as a seller of stolen goods and any other things done to make the charges stick.

Such a procedure would do much to let thieves know that stolen stamps are going to be protected and that those guilty will stand no chance of getting off with anything less than all that can be thrown at them.

In this case as above mentioned, there is ample evidence that no effort was made to make the guilty parties pay for their actions. The F.B.I. stated to me in a letter of September 2, 1958 that "The stamp cases referred to in your letter were investigated and the facts considered by the United States Attorney at Tampa, Florida. It was determined that no violation of Federal law had been committed; therefore, investigation was discontinued."

If thousands of dollars worth of stamps can be stolen in San Francisco, brought to Florida and sold without any violation of Federal law we might as well tear up our laws and open the game up wide. The facts in the matter as we believe them to be are that no charges or any attempt to prosecute the thieves were made. Without such charges the F.B.I. has nothing to act on and thus drops the matter. Such action is a disgrace to decent law and to decent business practices.

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